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Thoroughbreds

By Salvator

Greeting Maps From Racing Associations Of Great Value To Turfmen

"Season's Greetings" are being extended to the friends of racing by The Thoroughbred Racing Associations of the United States in a most original, acceptable and admirable form.

They take the shape of a large wall-map of the United States, parts of Canada and of Mexico, showing the locations of the different race courses situated in each which are dedicated to Thoroughbred sport.

The map itself occupies the main, or central portion of the plat or drawing. It is large-scale, being about 20 by 25 inches in dimensions.

Very ingeniously and effectively worked into a harmonious and extremely appropriate border or frame, surrounding the map itself, is a series of separate small plans of the various-most important parks where these tracks are located.

There are twenty-seven different courses thus displayed, these including not only those recognized as leaders in U. S. A., but the new Hipodromo de las Americas at Mexico City.

The selection of these is well made, the only criticism being the omission of any Canadian track.

The famous one at Toronto, Woodbine Park, should have appeared. It is not only one of the most picturesque racing plants in North America, but one where the oldest fixed event on the continent, the King's (formerly Queen's) Plate, is run. Over this course many of the great horses of "the States" have performed and the true sporting atmosphere which surrounds the meetings is something that must be enjoyed to be appreciated.

The plant at Mexico City, in comparison, it may be frankly stated, is but a venture whose mainspring is sheer profit-taking.

These things aside, the map invites little but admiration of its kind. It is artistically designed and executed and is the work of Robert E. Rader, Jr., Lexington, Ky., who is to be heartily congratulated upon his production.

When framed and hung upon the wall of any room frequented by turfmen it will be an object of great interest and deserves careful study, especially by those who try to visualize the sport in a comprehensive way and not from the mere personal-advantage angle.

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Montreal Closes Season With Show At Saint Laurent

By Pamela Dillingham

The final horse show of this district was held on October 23rd-24th in the St. Laurent College Arena, in a suburb of Montreal. This show, organized in two weeks, was a great success, and all profits will be turned over to the Women's Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Navy.

The St. Laurent Arena, situated inside the College grounds, was made available through the cooperation of the Rev. L. Lapalme, and this is the second year that a horse show has been held there. Each has been the final event before ice was put in for the winters hockey, and this year the weather was far too cold for comfort. The Arena is bright by day and well lit by night, with seating room for 2,000, and a good sized ring. The College can easily be reached by street car, and large crowds turned up for each performance. On Sunday afternoon, so many people arrived that they could not all be squeezed in. In spite of the announcer's continual requests that those al-

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Harry A. Parr, 3rd Elected President Of TRA For 1944

The annual two-day meeting of the Thoroughbred Racing Association of the United States, Inc., was held at its headquarters at 400 Madison Avenue, New York City on December 7 and 8.

On the first day the following were re-elected to the board of directors: John C. Clark, Hialeah Park; Harry A. Parr 3rd, Pimlico; Judge James E. Dooley, Narragansett Park; George M. Francis, Belmont Park; Col. Matt J. Winn, Churchill Downs; Carleton F. Burke, Santa Anita and Benjamin F. Lindheimer, Arlington and Washington Parks. Two more directors were added, Eugene Mori, Garden State Racing Association and Major Louie A. Beard, Keeneland.

The various tracks were represented at the meeting by Col. Winn, (Churchill Downs and Lincoln Fields); Dr. Edward P. Kilroe, (Aqueduct and Jamaica); Judge Dooley, (Narragansett Park); Harry A. Parr 3rd and Matt L. Daiger, (Pimlico and Timonium); Charles F. Adams, (Suffolk Downs); F. S.

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Coast Guardsmen Carry Off Honors In Robeson County

By Conrad Shamel, Sea. 1c.

The United States Coast Guardsmen, well-known in Virginia horse circles before the war, carried off the major share of jumping honors at the Robeson County Horse Show, staged at Lumberton, North Carolina on Dec. 4 and 5.

Ensign Edgar Daniels, of Statesville, N. C., won the jumper championship aboard *Streamline*, a black Coast Guard gelding. Victories in the jumper stake, the touch and out, a 2nd in the knock-down-and-out and a 3rd place in the triple bar gave Ensign Daniels and *Streamline* enough points for the championship. *Our Congo*, a bay mare, owned and ridden by Bobby Hilton, of Charlotte, N. C., won the reserve by virtue of a victory in the knock-down-and-out and 2nd place in the jumper stake.

Delmar Twyman, of Orange, Virginia, who rode *Inky* to many victories during peace time, won the triple bar with *Gray Fox*, an aged gray Coast Guard mare. In this event

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Metamora Solves Its Problems Of War Time Hunting

By B. Colman

Two years ago Metamora Hunt faced the question of operation under war time conditions. Metamora is only fifty miles from Detroit and Detroit was deep into the war from the first. The younger men were enlisting, older ones were converting their plants to make war materials. Officers of the Hunt wanted activities to continue; a working organization had been developed; hunting meant recreation; and it was felt that there was an obligation to preserve a going concern for the men who were away.

After two years the hunt is healthy and active. Members have cheerfully accepted necessary reductions in former scale of operation. There is a closer comradeship, everyone knows why there are fewer hounds in the pack, why meets cannot be held too far from the kennels for roading and why the hunt staff is reduced. With some makeshifts to suit war times, hunting has been quite sporting during the 1943 season.

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Harold E. Talbott Is Leading Owner In 'Chasing Report

Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark Close Second, Earning Purses Aggregating \$28,870

The National Steeplechase and Hunt Association's Report on Steeplechasing in the United States for the year 1943 is out. In line with their custom, the colors on the cover of the report are those of the leading owner and this year that honor goes to Harold E. Talbott as the owner of the top steeplechaser, *Brother Jones*, a 7-year-old son of *Pete-Wrack* out of *Maridel*, by *Durbar II*. The N. S. H. A. gives ample credit to his trainer, William R. Miller whose careful handling of the 'chaser resulted in his never being out of the money in 10 starts.

Steeplechasing came through the past season with flying colors despite the difficulties accompanying sporting activities for the duration. At the meetings, 230 horses started, of which number 160 shared in the distribution of money or plate. The owners totalled 140 and 96 were in for the distribution of money or plate. Of the 166 races run, 4 were competed for plate only.

Keen competition was provided throughout the season despite the temporary curtailment in hunt racing. Delaware Park, Saratoga and several small tracks in Maryland. The racing was largely confined to Belmont Park and to Aqueduct and to Pimlico where a combined Fall meeting of four Maryland tracks was held.

The pre-war steeplechasing season included more than 30 days on the Hunt Meeting calendar and only 3 carried on this year, Middleburg in April, 84th consecutive meeting at Rose Tree in October and Montpelier in November.

The United Hunts Racing Association whose slogan, "For Sports Sake and Better Sport" clearly states its aim, did not have a Spring meeting but held a very successful one-day Fall meeting at Belmont Park. It has been its custom to hold its Fall meeting on Election Day but for the past two years the association has relinquished this date in order not to interfere with New York's "Victory Week". Its policy of lending financial aid to amateur racing made possible the Middleburg and Rose Tree meetings as the association contributed over \$2,500 to these meetings for purses and trophies.

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Hunting Notes:-



A New England Foxhunt

By A. Henry Higginson, M. F. H.

Chapter IX

As time wore on, I came to know Jack Meredith better, and it was perhaps quite natural that he should tell me something of his further experiences in America. The man had great charm and the fact that he was very reticent about his early life did not detract from it. Indeed it added a touch of mystery which I was resolved to unravel if I could do so without seeming to pry into his private affairs. It was perfectly evident that he had led a most interesting life during the years he had lived in America and I was genuinely intrigued to get his reactions on hunting on that side of the water—partly because of my interest in the sport and partly because I felt that I might get nearer to the solution of the mystery which surrounded him.

One evening, after we had dined together, I brought the conversation around to that ever-present question of the comparative capabilities of England and American Hounds.

"You know," I said, "the average Britisher really knows nothing about American hunting or the conditions which generally obtain on the other side. Without that knowledge, I don't see how a man can presume to make an authoritative statement concerning the two breeds. Now—you were at that 'Match' in 1905, and if I remember rightly, you gave it as your opinion that the American pack deserved the decision which was given to them. It also came out in your story that the Sudbury pack was made up of draft hounds, which, though they may have been excellent in their day, were not representative of the best the breed could produce. Worcester's pack, on the other hand, were, I gathered, most of them bred by him and selected with special care. Moreover, some of them had been hunted in the country. What I would like to know is whether you think that, given a first-class pack of English Stud Book hounds, one could show as good, or better, sport than with a pack made up of hounds of the country. Did you ever get first-class sport with the Sudbury pack later on? I gather that you and Mr. Lincoln saw more of each other—you visited him in New England, didn't you?"

"Yes," said Meredith, "I did, and I think perhaps the best way to answer your question is to tell you of my visit. Two years after the Match I took a carload of hunters up to Hamilton, Massachusetts. There is a Hunt up there and Leonard Hall, who had been one of the Northern party at the time of the Match, had

suggested that I might find ready sale for any first-class animals that I brought up. As a matter of fact, he was right—I disposed of them easily and then, since there was no reason for my immediate return home, I gladly availed myself of Lincoln's suggestion to stop a few days with him; see his hounds; and get a hunt with them. Alice Topsfield and Hall were included in the invitation, and the latter very kindly offered to motor us up to 'Sudbury Meadows', and one afternoon about four o'clock, we swung into the gate of Lincoln's estate just as hounds were coming in from hunting. It was the first time that I had seen a properly turned out pack since the time of the Match in Virginia two years before, and I felt my pulse quicken at the sight of the well-mannered hounds that clustered around their Huntsman's horse at the side of the drive. Hall stopped his motor and Westcott, recognizing us, took off his cap.

He told us that the Master had come in an hour ago and was expecting us, and we motored on up the hill and entered the forecourt of the house, stopping at the front door just as it was opened by the Master himself.

"Now this is nice," he exclaimed. "Welcome to New England, Meredith. Come in, all of you, and have something to warm you."

It was a cold raw afternoon and we were glad to warm ourselves in the hall before a huge log fire roaring and crackling in the largest fireplace I had ever seen. Lincoln was a bachelor and lived alone, save for the guests who came there frequently, and the house, while it lacked that feminine touch which one feels in any house in which a woman lives was luxuriously comfortable. Judging by the trophies which were in evidence everywhere, the Master had gone in for many varieties of sport and been successful in all of them. I wandered around, reading the inscriptions on the various cups which seemed to fill every nook and corner.

"You seem to have done a bit of racing, Master," I remarked to my host, "are those horse portraits around the gallery your nags?"

"Yes," he answered, "and almost every one of them is a qualified hunter at that. I don't know if you'll agree with me, but I've always had the theory that retired steeplechasers make the best hunters in the world—at any rate that's been my experience. Come here to the window. There," he continued, pointing to the meadows below, "you see I've

got my own steeplechase course here and I can have all the fun of making my own jumpers before they go to the track. To be sure, there's snow in winter and of course we can't school at that time, but there's nothing like it for galloping or for curing an unsound horse by turning him out in winter and letting him rough it. The snow will do bad legs a world of good." All this was new to me and I listened to the Master's experiences with interest.

"Where are you taking us to-morrow, Henry?" Hall asked. "We want to give this Britisher a good day, you know. He was out with Alley's 'fox-dogs' at Boxford on Sunday and he deserves better memories of New England foxhunting to write home about."

Lincoln laughed. He told us that Will Thompson, Mr. Mather's Huntsman from the Brandywine, had turned up to look at a draft which he had offered him, and that he had persuaded him to stop over for a day's hunting.

"Naturally," he said, "I picked my best country and, as a matter of fact, I think we should have a very good day. I think we'll leave the kennels about ten o'clock and work towards Sudbury. We ought to find a fox in the marshes around Burnett's, and that will leave us the Moore's Hill covert—which is the surest find we've got for the afternoon, if we want a second hunt. Come along, we'd better dress. It's getting late."

When two men as keen about hounds as Lincoln and I are, get together, the conversation is frequently dull for anyone except the most ardent disciples of Peter Beckford. Leonard Hall—keen hunting man though he was—had had enough of

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My Beauty

By V. N. White

What have they done to you, my beauty?

What does this mechanizing mean?

Is your retreat a pasture green?

Are you retired from duty?

Well I remember days we pounded

Each mile after mile away,

Each night as just another day;

Retreat was seldom sounded.

Why are they claiming you can't take it?

The horse outmoded by the truck.

What will they do in rain or muck

Where you could always make it?

I've still a hunch that we're not finished,

You may be slow, but you're all right.

They've yet a place for us to fight;

My hope has not diminished.

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Cubbing With The Puckeridge

By Capt. Phillip K. Crowe

On the rolling fields of Hertfordshire the biggest harvest of the war was almost in. Here and there an island of late barley still billowed in the morning wind, but elsewhere the shocks of wheat, oats and corn marched, like orderly armies, over the hills. In the woodlands the oaks and hazels showed the faint yellow beginnings of the color to come. It was the 28th of August and cub hunting was starting.

Hounds met at Washall Green, near the ancestral home of the Washington family who gave America not only a great statesman but a great fox hunter as well. Major Barclay, the Master, was hunting seventeen and a half couple while his daughter, Pamela, and I were whipping to him. The field was small but select. Colonel Slingsby of Indian army fame and his daughter, Laura; Bob Gardiner, the veteran retired huntsman of the Puckeridge; Squire Edward Barclay, joint master of the Puckeridge, and still in the saddle at 83; Miss Marriage, one of the hunt's next oldest members on a good looking wild eyed colt; and Jean Williams, aged 11, on a tiny but purposeful pony.

Stocking Pelham Hall Wood was the first draw, but the yew thickets proved blank and the Major jogged hounds on to Laundry Gorse where sport began. Scarcely a moment after hounds had been cheered into cover, a whimper told that 'business was afoot, and, the pack soon honoring,

we had a grand chorus of music. Except for the Major, all of us were stationed around the cover to head the cubs. The first bid came soon afterwards, when a brace broke from the gorse hedge and streaked for the cornfield where I was standing. Despite some hard galloping they refused to be turned and the Major, calling hounds, soon rolled one over in the next field.

Proceeding to Patrick's Wood, hounds put up a buck, one of the fallow deer which broke out of parks early in the war and are now wild. The old hounds paid not the slightest attention but it was necessary to do a little explaining with the whip to a few of the young entry. English packs on the whole are remarkably steady to deer and I have always wondered why we have so much trouble over them in America. My own hounds would play with a doe in the kennel yard but nothing short of hanging would stop them from running a deer in the open.

The next draw, Violet's Spring Wood, produced not a cub, but a good sized vixen, who gave us a fast half hour before hounds lost in Stocking Pelham Woods. Scent had been getting progressively worse and at ten the Major decided to call it a day. We rode home for a real hunting breakfast of fruit, eggs, bacon and coffee. It had not been too successful a hunt for a cubbing standpoint, but as Nimrod said: "No time at cover side is really wasted."

anyone who has hunted in southern New Jersey knows.

To make up for this horrible day the 21st was a red letter one. Hounds found in the East Wood covert. The fox made several large circles in the big woodlands, and then broke and ran east towards Shimersville, then south through the Helstand Swamp through the big Burham fields to the Red Hill Reservoir, and then through the Pine Thickets where he took the old familiar line down past Sigmund towards Huff's Church. At the yellow school house our pilot turned and came back towards St. Peter's where hounds put their fox to ground west of Weaver's Angus Farm after 3 1/2 hours of continuous running, the last hour of which was the fastest of the year.

One of the most fascinating aspects of real foxhunting is the different types of days, scenting conditions, foxes, etc., and on the 21st we had a hunt with a chance to watch some fascinating hound work as this persevering pack kept pushing after their fox with glorious music for two hours and three-quarters with trotting and a hand gallop the order of the day, which was just as well, as the week before had finished off one of the hunt staff horses on the St. Peter's run.—W. B.

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Saturday, December 4, they put on a children's hunt with all the trimmings and it was a treat to see the keen faces of some 15 children ranging in age from 5 years to 16, some kicking old ponies like they'd stave a side in and others working hard to keep keener mounts quiet.

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Wednesday, 22nd.

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Sunday, 26th.

Wednesday, 29th.

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R. L. PARISH, M. F. H.

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The last few hunts which your correspondent has been on have been most varied. The 14th was the worst day of the year; hounds got on their first and only deer of the season (knock wood) and ran from Lehigh halfway through Berks County. Two factors contributed to this ghastly stag hunt. One was that when hounds opened up we were entering a covert that is one of our best fox coverts and no deer had ever been seen in this section. The result was that they got going before they could be stopped. The other was that our deer-proof hound was not in sight at the moment to give the warning by not opening up or running the line. Yes, there are deer-proof hounds as

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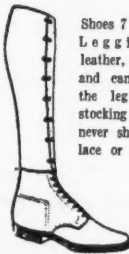
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Editorials

PAGING THE "YOUNG ENTRY"

In January—next month—The Chronicle hopes to start what we have termed a "Junior Page", in which the activities of the "juniors" will be recorded week after week. We hope to collect and disseminate as much news of boys and girls in 'teen ages so that no other story or article will be included on this page, and the success of this venture depends wholly on how well and how often these activities are reported to us.

We haven't a detailed policy worked out on this page—nothing more than we want the youngsters to regard it as their own, portraying their activities afield, in the horse show ring, etc. Supplementing this page will be photos whenever they are available. So you see, its success will depend on Tommy, Johnny, Mary and Elizabeth.

The Chronicle believes that while many of us are inclined to regard this as an "adult's world" and blightly go our collective ways, doing the things the grown-ups do and thinking their ways, that the "junior" is left out in the cold, a parentless waif, so to speak, with his activities going by the boards in so far as publicity is concerned. Not that "Junior" isn't active—for he is. Visit any horse show in season and you'll find that a great deal of emphasis has been placed on pony events by the various associations. There is sport, too, for those youngsters who hunt regularly, and in some sections of the country, "juniors" have organized their own pony clubs and are going great guns. Our Junior Page will carry such reports of their activities, their progress, etc.

The junior of today will be the adult of tomorrow. He should be encouraged in his hunting, showing and riding, and through the columns of this page in The Chronicle we believe we will in a large measure contribute to his success as he will contribute to ours.

THE SCRUB TREE GOES TO WAR

In the days when ships were made of wood and men of steel, America looked to its towering trees for the stuff to build a mighty nation.

The loggers cut down giant trees but disdained the scrub timber, as useless and a waste of time.

The big fellows are mostly gone now but with the nation at war that scorned scrub has become as valuable as steel, more useful than steel, in fact, in the production of many vital weapons of battle.

For, through the priceless gift of American ingenuity, one scrub tree can now be changed swiftly into the powder to fire 7,500 rounds of ammunition from a Garand rifle or two huge shells from the 16-inch guns of our mightiest battle ships.

One scrub tree, standing idle in your field or woodlot, can become, as if by a miracle, 137 surgical field dressings, 350 weatherproof cases for blood plasma or 67 warm vests for our high-altitude aviators. One tree can be converted into hundreds of military products, capable of shortening the war a little.

Some of us are too old to fight side-by-side with our neighbors on the battle-fronts. But few of us are too old to help get out the pulpwood so desperately needed by those fighting men.

Letters to the Editor

Maryland Hunter Show

Dear Sir:

As president of the Maryland Hunter Show, Inc., it was quite gratifying to me to read your recent article entitled "Observation and a Prediction" written by an observer. The First Annual Maryland Hunter Show was quite a job but now that it has proved to be a workable plan there will be no question of its success in years to come.

The Board of Governors of the Maryland Hunter Show, Inc., is deeply grateful for all the help and co-operation we received from the Middleburg Chronicle and we hope that next year we will be able to reciprocate in part for all of this help by giving you a show that will really be something to write about.

With sincere holiday greetings,
J. Wesley Edel, President.

War And The Horse

Dear Sir:

I was very interested in "Horses and Mules Come to Rescue on Italian Front", and would welcome permission to hand it to the Canadian press for re-publication.

No doubt you had good reason for discontinuing "War and the Horse", but I for one, miss it. No thinking person will deny the possibility of animals becoming of major importance in Asia, and I cannot help but think that your almost unique feature, now discontinued, was valuable in maintaining faith in the war horse.

Many horsemen overlook the fact

that if horses are not given an important role in this time of stress, they will be looked upon as mere toys of the so-called, idle rich.

Yours very truly,
Canadian Reader.

No Rose Tree Notes

Dear Sir:

In your paper are reports of hunting by various hunt clubs. I know there aren't as many active clubs now as formerly. However, I do know Rose Tree Hunt Club is still hunting. So far I haven't seen any reports this year as to the hunting. Perhaps if the former regular reporter of that hunt is now inactive, the M. F. H. or someone who hunts fairly regularly with the club could turn in a few reports.

There are probably other people in and out of the armed services who would occasionally like to see an account of the runs at Rose Tree.

Hoping this note might encourage someone to this task, I remain,
Yours sincerely,

Aviation Cadet
John T. Ronayne.

P.S. Your paper is looked forward to each week with great eagerness. It makes me more than ever sure that our sport and favorite mounts will be waiting for us boys when we come home once more. This time to stay for good.

Here is a chance for some member of the Rose Tree Hunt to give a hand to the men in the armed forces. The Chronicle would like to hear from someone who would send in the Rose Tree hunting notes—Editor.)

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Va. Horsemen Propose Having Eastern Sales In August Next Year

The members of the board of directors of the Virginia Horseman's Association and the consignors to the Meadow Brook yearling sales in September held a meeting at the Warren Green Hotel, Warrenton, Virginia on December 5.

A committee comprised of Mrs. George P. Greenhalgh, secretary, Frank B. Hills, David Rust, Jr., Dr. Robert Humphrey and A. Mackay Smith, ex-officio, had been named to carefully study the question of the Eastern yearling sales in 1944. The committee has been in touch with Fasig-Tipton Company concerning the coming sales and at the meeting they discussed having the sale in August rather than in September. The fact was brought up that the Fasig-Tipton Company would be available to give full time to the sales because the August Kentucky sales will be run by a different organization. They also discussed the possibility of having night sales because there is no longer a blackout along the Eastern seaboard. Assuming that the Saratoga meeting would be held at Belmont in August of 1944 as it was in August, 1943, the committee thought that it would be desirable to hold the sales during that meeting, Belmont Park being close to Meadow Brook.

There was a question as to whether they would try to form a new organization, to cover consignors from all Eastern states and the feeling was that they could work much better on a state basis than to set up a new organization. Of course, although this committee will cover Virginia consignors only, they propose to co-operate with the Maryland Horse Association and consignors from other Eastern states.

Final plans have not been made as yet but will be announced in the Chronicle at a later date.

BUY WAR BONDS!

Robeson Show

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Twyman defeated Gray Shadow, another Coast Guard mare which was 2nd. Streamline was 3rd with the Mayor of Shrewsbury, ridden by owner Kenneth Wilson, 4th. Gray Shadow was piloted by Ovie Scurlock, contract rider for the Woolford Farms Stables, before joining up with the Coast Guard.

The knock-down-and-out produced the only non-Coast Guard victory of the show in jumping classes when *Our Congo*, ably ridden by Bobby Hilton, won 1st place with *Streamline* 2nd. *Gray Fox* and *Gray Shadow* jumped off a tie with the former grabbing off 3rd place honors.

Coast Guard entries swept all four prizes in the touch and out. *Streamline* was 1st, Twyman was 2nd on *Gray Fox*, Scurlock 3rd with *Gray Shadow* while Ensign Daniels rode *Pompoon*, another Coast Guard gelding, to win 4th money.

Streamline, with Ensign Daniels up, won the jumper stake in a stirring duel with *Our Congo* in 2nd place. Scurlock was 3rd with *Gray Shadow* while Ensign Daniels was 4th on *Pompoon*. Fifth place was captured by Twyman on *Gray Fox*. *Moonfixer*, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ozel Moss, of Pinehurst, N. C. and ridden by 10-year-old Julie Tate, was 6th.

Ensign Daniels is commanding officer of the District Training Station of the Mounted Beach Patrol, U. S. Coast Guard, with headquarters at Charleston, S. C. Twyman, who holds a rating of Specialist, First Class, is in charge of the stables at the training station.

Renown, a 4-year-old bay gelding, and *Dark Victory*, a 7-year-old black gelding, dominated the hunter classes. These good hunters, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ozel Moss, of Mile-Away Stables, Pinehurst, N. C., and ridden throughout the show by Mrs. Moss won every class except the handicap hunter event which was won by *Golden Wood*, owned by Dr. Paul Maulden, of Pinehurst, and

ridden by Mrs. Moss.

Renown won the open hunter and suitable to become hunter classes, was 2nd in working hunters, ladies hunters, hunter hacks, hunter stake, road hacks and handicap hunters. This good going, good looking gelding was crowned hunter champion.

Dark Victory captured 1st place in the working hunters, ladies hunters, hunter stake, hunter hack, road hack classes, was 3rd in the open hunter and 3rd in the handicap hunter classes. This well-mannered gelding won the reserve hunter championship.

Dr. Paul Maulden's *Golden Wood*, a fine looking hunter prospect, won the handicap hunter class, was 3rd in the hunter stake, 2nd in the open hunter event, and 2nd in the "suitable to become". This 3-year-old also won 3rd places in the hunter hack, working hunter and ladies hunter classes.

The childrens' hunter class produced only two entries but resulted in a stirring duel between *Sunwin*, owned and ridden by Margaret Skinner, of Wilmington, N. C., and *Mira-Mar*, owned and ridden by Marguerite McCrae, also of Wilmington. *Sunwin* captured the blue. This chestnut son of *Sun Edwin* was 3rd in the "suitable" and captured 4th place ribbons in the hunter hack, ladies hunters, hunter stake, and handicap hunters.

John Iverson, Quail Roost Stables, Rougemont, N. C., judged the hunter and jumper classes.



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Enlisted men's jumping class—1. Grasshopper, Pfc. Gray; 2. Eight Thirty, Sgt. Hounshell; 3. The Ghost, Pvt. Hunter; 4. Silent Sam, Pvt. Bledsoe.

Stock horse class—1. Set Screw, T/Sgt. Garrett; 2. Rag Man, Cpl. Heglin; 3. Black Cat, Pfc. Jacobs.

Ladies' road hack—1. Adios, Mrs. Schenck; 2. Kate The Shrew, Mrs. P. D. Evans; 3. Purchase, Mrs. Stirling; 4. Bourbin, Mrs. McCurdy.

Rescue race—1. Porkey, T/Sgt. Garrett; 2. Cole, Cpl. Wyche; 3. Pick Up, Sgt. Ashton, Pfc. Tate, Pfc. Walters.

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by *SIR GALLAHAD III—HELOISE, by FRIAR ROCK

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St. Peter's

Alexander Saunders, Master of the St. Peter's Foot Beagles, received his commission as Lieutenant, Junior Grade in the United States Navy in November. At present he is stationed at Fort Schuyler, New York, and hopes to be able to return some Sundays to hunt the hounds. Although he remains Master, in his absence the hounds are hunted by Philip Nordeck, the Junior Master, a student at St. Peter's School, Peekskill, where the hounds are kenneled during the school term.

On Sunday, November 28th, the last Sunday before Lt. Saunders left for the navy, hounds met at two o'clock at the Malcolm Gordon School, Garrison. Lt. Saunders had as his whippers-in: John Batten, last year's Junior Master, now also in the navy; Robert Schuster, last year's First Whip, now working in New York City; Philip Nordeck, this year's Junior Master, and Ellis Asplund, this year's First Whip. Preceding the hunt Lt. and Mrs. Saunders gave a luncheon for the four boys at their home in Garrison. At a tea following the hunt, Mr. Batten made a speech in which he described how much he felt St. Peter's School owed to Lt. Saunders for the work he has done in teaching the boys the art of hunting, and how much they had all enjoyed the hound work and hunting with him.

On Sunday, December 5th, when hounds met at Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Morgans', Montrose, New York, Philip Nordeck hunted five and a half couple of hounds and provided the field with an excellent morning of sport during which five hares were viewed and run. There were two long runs with hounds hard on the line, down through steep hillsides overgrown with honeysuckle. At the close of the hunt, hunt staff and field had a picnic lunch at the Morgans.

Lewisboro

Fixture For December

Friday, Dec. 17th, 3:30 Wildoaks Farm, Goldens Bridge.

Sunday, Dec. 19th, 10:30 at Rock Ridge Farm, Brewster.

Sunday, Dec. 26th, 10:30 at Rock Ridge Farm, Brewster.

Friday, Dec. 31st, 3:30 at Wildoaks Farm, Goldens Bridge.

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Sedgfield hounds were out Saturday, November 27—the cast being from Adams' Farm at nine o'clock. Apparently the Thanksgiving Holidays had been a little hard on members, as the field was considerably smaller than the usual Saturday field. However, those who came were rewarded with good hunting. After several coverts had been drawn blank, a fox was roused and a brisk run of fifty minutes ensued with the fox being marked to earth in a culvert running underneath the roadway some 200 yards north of the west entrance to the Adams property on the north side.

Because of lack of interest in early morning mid-week hunts, and after a vote on the matter by hunt members, mid-week hunts were changed to Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, and on Thursday, the 2nd, the cast was from Sedgfield Stables with a field of eight or ten. Among those present was Sidney Allen, Greensboro, Secretary of the Sedgfield Horse Show, and out for his first hunt of the season. Sidney was particularly greeted by those on hand as was Mrs. Clare Boyce, out for the second time since the rather bad injury resulting from her horse becoming entangled in an electric wire fence while out hacking some time ago. Huntsman Thomas has marked these electric wire fences in the territory and the hunt gives them a very wide berth, as they are particularly nasty. The weather was especially dry and the hunt went forth with little hope of a run. They had it figured correctly, but did have a most enjoyable ride of three hours with the principal excitement being an opossum run up a tree by a recalcitrant hound.

On Friday night, December 3, a very slow, drizzling rain kept up all night long and Saturday morning was the perfect morning for hounds, horses, huntsman, and field. The night's rain had apparently confused some of the hunt members who were supposed to be present, and as a result missed the hottest race of the season. The cast was from the Adams' Farm at nine o'clock, and after an hour and forty minutes of coverts drawn blank hounds were cast on the Armstrong property far west of the place of casting. They feathered, worked industriously for fifteen or twenty minutes, whimpered, and then hit off the line for the hardest run of the season so far. This big red dog fox headed in circuitous fashion for his den on the Adams' Farm, but instead of holling in, he elected to give the hunt a real race, and turning South through woods with narrow riding trails ran to the south edge of the Adams' farm, turned east through the Boren property to the Boren dairy, and at the Boren dairy he headed for Pomona, just outside of Greensboro, N. C., circled to the north, crossed the Groometown Road to the west, back into the Boren dairy property, and was finally marked to earth in his home den on the Adams' farm. Huntsman Thomas was mounted on Joint Master Earl N. Phillips' Spanish King—one of the best hunting horses ever in the Sedgfield field—and managed to hold the blistering pace set by the hounds on a scent that stood out apparently as plain as a Kansas post hole left sticking out of the ground after a Kansas tornado. Joint Master Rochelle and the

field did not have such good luck in keeping up because of heavy woods, narrow trails, and innumerable turns making it very easy to take the wrong one. However, they joined Huntsman Thomas on his inbound trip, and everyone agreed that the three hours riding had given them plenty.

The hunt was glad to have with it on Thursday and Saturday one of its old riders, Alfred Bryson, who now is with a mechanized outfit—T. V. R.

Fixtures For December

Saturday, Dec. 18, Live Hunt, casting from the Edward Armstrong Estate, 9:30 a. m.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, Live Hunt casting from Sedgfield Stables, at 3 p. m.

Monday, Dec. 27, Live Hunt, casting from Adams' Farm, 2:30 p. m.

Wednesday, Dec. 29, Live Hunt, casting from Sedgfield Stables at 9:30 a. m.

Saturday, Jan. 1, New Year's Hunt, casting from Adams' Farm at 2:30 p. m.

It will be necessary to hack horses to all meets with the exception of December 18 and horses will be vanned to the Armstrong Estate.

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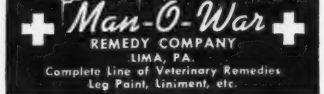
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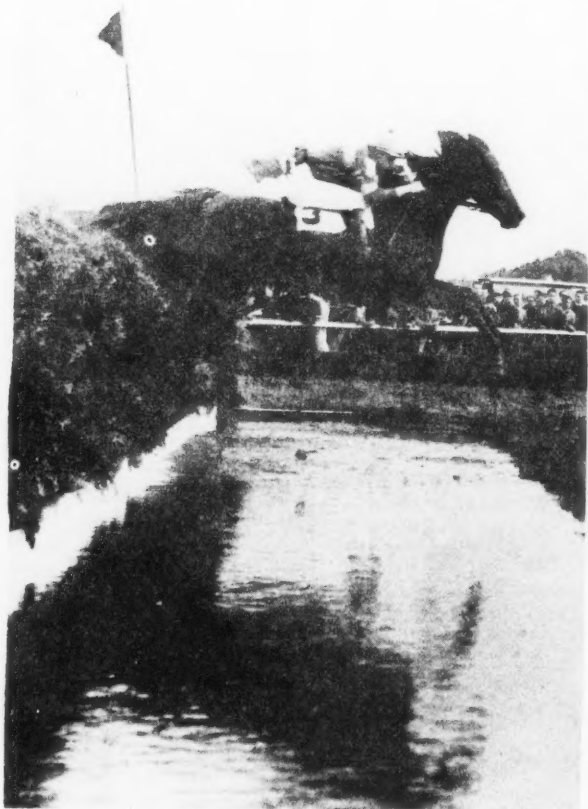
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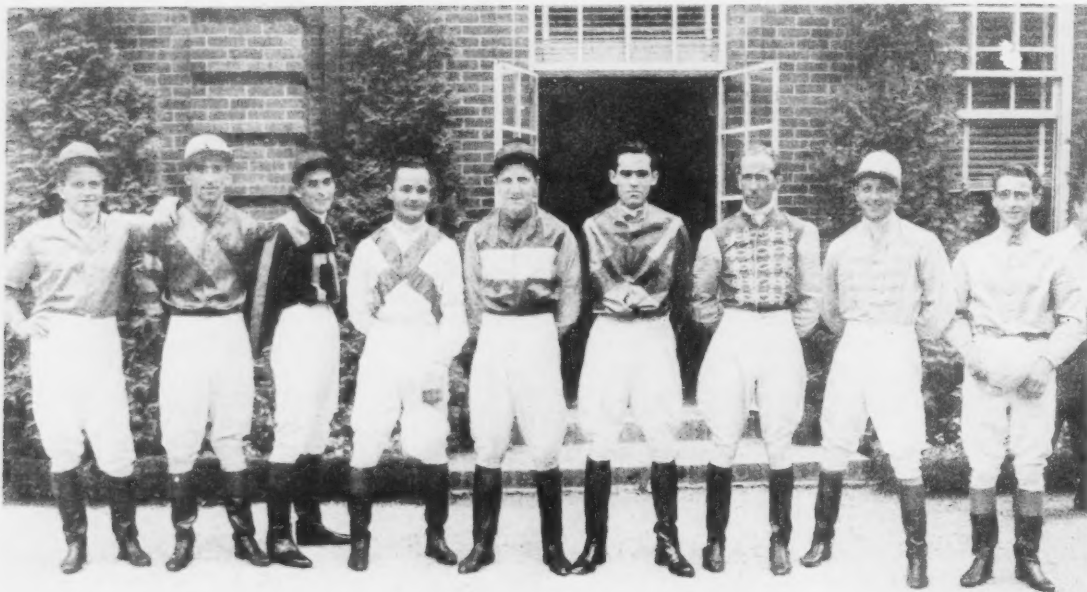
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MONEY WINNING HORSES



Money winning horses for the year, pictured upper left, ROUGE DRAGON, \$21, 835 in 2nd place; BROTHER JONES (#5) \$29, 185, the leading winner; IRON SHOT, (#6), \$17, 240 in 4th place. Bottom left, KNIGHT'S QUEST, \$17,360 in 3rd place and ELKRIDGE, \$9, 395 in 6th place.

LEADING RIDERS



Leading riders with number of races won. Left to right, W. Leonard, 10th with 7 races; P. Miller, unplaced; J. Penrod, 7th with 8 races; H. Cruz, 2nd with 18 races, (tied with J. S. Harrison); G. Walker, 5th with 9 races; S. O'Neill, unplaced; E. Robert, 4th with 11 races; W. Owen, 1st with 22 races; D. Marzani, 6th with 8 races and J. S. Harrison, 2nd with 18 races won.

NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT



Harry Parr, 3rd, enterprising young president of the Maryland Jockey Club, who was elected president of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations of the United States on December 8th, succeeding John C. Clark. Here he is shown with Arthur White, fourth leading trainer with money won and third leading trainer with races won, and Jockey Cruz, a high ranking rider, at The Pimlico Spring Maiden Steeplechase.

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Notes From Great Britain

By J. Fairfax-Blakeborough

Big Prices Being Paid For Ponies Show Keenness Of Youngsters To Ride

Recently we have heard a good deal of discussion and surprise at the price children's ponies are everywhere making. Despite the fact that a lot of riding schools are not functioning during the war there seems to be no falling off in the number of children who are keen on the saddle.

During the past decade there have probably been more boys and girls enthusiastic about riding than in the life-time of most of us. Remarkably enough the majority of them are town-bred youngsters with no inherent horsey tendencies. One cannot yet see clearly what will be the outcome of this. As to whether many of these boys and girls will carry their enthusiasm to its natural conclusion and become members of their local Hunt, depends on that unknown quantity post war finance—chief amongst other influences.

It is all to the good that English tradition for love of horses and for horsemanship should have this marked revival, and it is a hopeful sign for hunting, for the replenishing of the ranks of amateur steeplechase riders, and for an assured place for the horse in this mechanical age. Rarely has there been such a demand for ponies as at the present time, despite grazing and forage difficulties, and rarely have they commanded such selling prices. We will probably see a big pony brigade out with hounds during the Christmas holidays, and I am in full agreement with what an old groom said to me this week: "Children enjoy their riding much more now that ponies aren't over-corned so that they pull their arms out and frighten the nervous by playing up".

Hunting Difficulties And Arrangements

In those hunting countries in which there are big coverts and woodlands, or tremendous bracken-beds, it is difficult to get foxes into the open with very reduced packs. Lt. Col. Milvain, who hunts the pack which bears his name in a part of Northumberland in which there are hill-sides covered with bracken (an ever spreading pest!), has only 13 1-2 couples of hounds in kennel, and, until frost lays low the bracker, he is much handicapped. Scenting conditions in October were bad, but despite these drawbacks he has brought a good many foxes to hand. All the hill packs have found it almost impossible to catch foxes in, or drive them from wide expanses of bracken with their depleted numbers.

The North Northumberland is to be out two short days a week. Their Master is Capt. L. Scott Briggs, who used to ride a bit as an amateur at Hexham, Rothbury and other north country meetings. Although he didn't act as his pilot he was within an ace of winning the Grand National with his hunter MacMoffat, which he trained himself out with the North Northumberland Hounds.

Sportswomen were wonderful in the way they carried on in the hunting field during the last war, in this world contest I think they have been even more wonderful. I hear, for instance, that Miss Annette Usher is

running the Berwickshire with the assistance of a veteran helper and that she has on occasion even assisted with skinning animals for hound food. The name of Usher is very intimately connected with the history of the Berwickshire Hounds.

Hunt Subscriptions

The Zetland Hounds are hunting two days a week this season. It is estimated that the expenses for the whole year will be £1100, a professional huntsman having been appointed. It used to be reckoned that for each day in the week a pack hunted £1000 a year was necessary in countries run on the lines of the Zetland, but in view of the fact that there are only 22 couples of hounds in kennel, that horses have been lent to the Hunt, and that other expenses customary in peace time have either been reduced or entirely suspended, the Zetland, like most other Hunts, is able to carry on much more economically. We had always looked upon the Zetland—the famous Old Raby country—as a wealthy one, fortunate in having so many followers of old family with regular incomes from their estates. Unfortunately this is the very class who in recent years have been hardest hit by taxation and conditions. They can no longer do as they did, or as they would, and there will have to be some very plain speaking in most hunting countries as to the obligation of those of the nouveau riche who ride to hounds, paying for the sport they enjoy.

Bedale sporting folk are to present Mr. J. M. Barwick, their late Master, with a George II silver cup. He was joint-Master with his father-in-law (Maj. W. W. Burdon), from 1933-34, and continued as sole Master until last season. He is the only M. F. H. I know who has hunted by aeroplane. On more than one occasion prior to the war he flew above his hounds to watch them at work and to note the wiles and line of the foxes they ran. It is many moons since I hunted with his father (Sir John Barwick), when he had a pack of harriers at Thimbleby Hall. They went like smoke too, over a nice bit of country on the Thimbleby estate, and, long ago as it is, I can remember the well-made fences over which we popped pretty much as though we were having a point-to-point.

Trainers And Yearlings

Those trainers, busy with yearlings, who have older men—quiet in manner and patient with the Thoroughbred babies—have reason to be grateful. Light little lads may back them, but few small boys in racing stables have good hands, and not many of them realize how much influence on the temper and future of racehorses the way in which they are treated in their earliest days at training quarters has. What even advantages "the money seat" may have in the actual running of races it certainly does not make for good hands, and well do I remember that good sportsman, the late Capt. J. E. Rogerson, saying to me at Malton, after we had watched a number of gallops:

"I haven't seen a boy riding this morning who wouldn't fall off if his reins were cut—they all hang on to and by their horses' mouths".

There is no going away on cruises for trainers in these days, no travelling to N. H. meetings, no leaving things at home to an assistant or head lad whilst trainers go off for a few week's hunting. All that belongs to pre-war conditions! Now trainers are giving much more personal attention to the yearlings under their charge than is usual at this

time of the year, and, if the older horses are on the easy list, there is no easy-time-respite in training stables today. Short staffs won't allow any slackening, and those establishments which are being run in the main by a lot of little boys call for the constant eye and presence of those in authority.

I have heard one or two trainers, who at fun were much opposed to employing girls, speak with the greatest enthusiasm of their work in stables (particularly), although some of them have been blessed with girls who can ride good work. As one trainer of prominence put it to me this week: "The girls in my stable are worth all the boys that ever were foaled, and I only wish I could get licenses for some of them to ride in races. I'd as soon put them

up as a lot of jockeys I know—and where are the jockeys of the future to come from anyway? I've not an apprentice worth a cockle and I saw none of real promise amongst the apprentices who rode last season."

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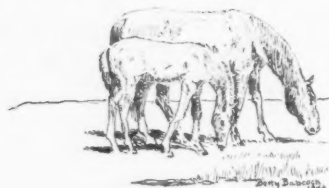
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Horsemen's News-



English Stallion Makes A Mockery Of Superstitions

Explodes Theory Of Barring Small Or White Footed Horses From Stud

Hyperion, the most famous stallion in England today is another to make fun of some of the prejudices which veterans have towards certain horses. Some buyers will shy away from the first foal of a mare, others will frown on a gray horse, and this despite the fact that some of the most famous horses of history have been first foals and some of the fastest have been grays. Breeders will often refuse a horse because he is on the "small side", and still others will have no part of a horse which has four white feet. Hyperion violates both these convictions, for not only is he under 15.3 hands, but he has four white feet and fetlock joints. He has been mainly the cause, during 1943, of English turf scribes exploding the superstitious theories of small horses as sires, but more, that a horse with four white feet will not be a good racer or sire. What the veterans failed to take into consideration is that Hyperion is a very powerful type, with a strong barrel and great depth of heart. He makes a mockery of barring such horses from the stud, for he transmits his finest qualities to his stock.

Hyperion is owned by Lord Derby and it was that great sportsman who, when a group of American breeders endeavored to buy his horse, said— "Hyperion will never leave these shores, even if England is reduced to ashes." That was said in the early part of the war, when London was taking what Berlin is taking today. One of the startling transactions at the December Sales of 1942 was when the mare, Olein, by Colombo out of Grand Peace, brought a bid of seventeen thousand guineas, approximately \$85,000. When the news reached this country, breeding pundits marveled at the price. They knew Olein had been a good racemare and that she was a beautiful individual. But what actually caused that price was the announcement "This mare is in foal to Hyperion". Sons of Hyperion have not done too well in this country but in England they are regarded as pearls beyond price. So, just as fans in this country are eagerly awaiting the day when William Hellis' \$66,000 yearling, by *Blenheim II out of Risk, makes his debut—so are English fans awaiting the day when this colt or filly by Hyperion out of Olein goes to the racing wars. If the youngster makes good, it will be another point to explode some of the peculiar theories that have come down, in both England and this country, and which appear

Stakes Winners

From the Bay Meadows track comes the announcement by William P. Kyne, general manager, that the California Jockey Club is the first racing association in America to raise over a million dollars for armed forces charity and war relief agencies. In 1943 a million dollars was raised and this was added to the \$173,000 handed over by Bay Meadows in 1942.

The T. D. Grimes' owned and trained 2-year-old son of Zacaweista—Spooky, by Pillory won an easy victory in Bay Meadows' Salinas Handicap on Saturday the 11th. A. Drumheller's Sirde was carrying top-weight of 122 pounds and Autocrat and Barnello were next at 114 pounds. Barnello was off on top but Bizerte moved ahead and they exchanged the lead until after the three-quarter mark when Autocrat made his bid and assumed the lead. A field of 14 went to the post and Autocrat was kept well up but did not challenge the leaders until the stretch turn, when he moved ahead to win by 3 lengths. This is his 4th victory in 14 outings this season. Erlanger Stable's Shut Up moved ahead of Sirde in the stretch to finish 2nd.

The Fair Grounds' feature on Saturday was the Pelican Handicap, 1 1-16 miles, all ages, with a \$3,500 added purse. Mrs. R. A. Coward's Franks Boy, who had previously finished 1-2 in two outings at the Fair Grounds, assumed an early lead and was the pace setter until Mrs. M. Evans' Shot Put moved up and drove over the finish line to win by a nose. Only 4 started and Mrs. E. Mulrenan's First Fiddle was the favorite, carrying top-weight of 120 pounds. He ran in 2nd place until the finish when he dropped by to finish 3rd.

Summaries

Saturday, December 11
Pelican Handicap, Fair Grounds, 1 1-16 mi., all ages. Purse, \$3,500 added; net value to winner, \$2,300; 2nd: \$700; 3rd: \$350; 4th: \$175. Winner: Br. g. (7) by Chance Shot—*Muzzle II, by Pharos. Trainer: R. T. Runnels. Time: 1.48.

1. Shot Put, (Mrs. M. Evans), 107, R. Reeves.
2. Franks Boy, (Mrs. R.A. Coward), 114, W. Cook.
3. First Fiddle, (Mrs. E. Mulrenan), 120, L. Whiting.

Four started; also ran: O'Sullivan Farms' Incoming, 106, N. Jemas. Won driving by a nose; place driving by a head; show same by 1. No scratches.

Salinas Handicap, Bay Meadows, 1 mi., 2-yr-olds. Purse, \$5,000 added; net value to winner, \$4,320; 2nd: \$1,000; 3rd: \$400; 4th: \$200. Winner: Ch. g. by Zacaweista—Spooky, by Pillory. Trainer: T. D. Grimes. Time: 1.38 3-5.

1. Autocrat, (Mr. & Mrs. T. D. Grimes), 114, J. Longden.
2. Shut Up, (Erlanger Stable), 110, H. Lasswell.

to be nothing more than unfounded prejudices.

One of the greatest fillies of recent years was Godiva, by Hyperion out of Carpet Slipper by Phalaris, winner of the New Oaks and the New Thousand Guineas of 1940. Godiva is regarded as one of the valuable mares in England today and mainly for the reason that she is a daughter of Hyperion.

3. Sirde, (A. Drumheller), 122, G. Woolf.

Fourteen started; also ran (order of finish): A. Ichelson's Valdina Andire, 112, F. Zufelt; Circle V Ranch's Bizerte, 109, C. Bianco; N. Sopp's Sandy Watson, 108, D. Dubois; Luke & Sneed's Barnello, 114, J. Westrope; Mrs. H. E. Nelson, Jr.'s Six Trix, 105, C. Turk; G. J. Stempel's Skillman, 107, F. Zehr; M. Cooper's Jade Boy, 111, F. Chojnacki; R. C. Stable's Royal Casino, 111, D. Dodson; Mrs. J. B. Burnstein's Okana, 103, H. Woodhouse; J. G. Mayer's Mon-O-Haste, 106, P. Johnson; Mrs. J. B. Burnstein's Sun Goose, 110, L. Dotter. Won easily by 3; place driving by a head; show same by 6. Scratched: Rose Canyon, Big Kay, Touchback.

Tuesday, December 14

Camellia Handicap, 6 f., 3 & up, fillies and mares. Purse, \$3,000 added; net value to winner, \$1,990; 2nd: \$600; 3rd: \$300; 4th: \$150. Winner: Ch. f. (3) by *Blenheim II—One Hour, by *Snob II. Trainer: C. W. Shaw, Jr. Time: 1.16 2-5.

1. Blenhour, (Cedar Farm), 114, L. Haas.
2. Miss Daunt, (Mrs. H. P. Bonner), 116, N. Jemas.
3. Lady Waterloo, (J. W. Rodgers), 112, L. Whiting.

Seven started; also ran (order of finish): Brandywine Stable's High Bit, 105, A. Kirkland; Silver Star Stock Farm's Sunny Portress, 106, W. Bailey; Brown Hotel Stable's Trustee, 108, D. Scurlock; F. P. Letellier's Questive, 110, C. Swain. Won easily by 2 1/2; place driving by a neck; show same by 2. No scratches.

TRA Election

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von Stade, (Saratoga); George M. Francis, (Belmont Park); J. F. Mackenzie and Thomas H. Simmons, (Hollywood Park); Luke H. O'Brien, (Laurel and Empire City); Lou Smith and E. L. Horton, (Rockingham Park); Eugene Mori and Wal-

ter H. Donovan, (Garden State Park); J. E. Donovan and William H. Johnstone, (Sportsman's Park), and H. S. Horkheimer, (Wheeling Downs).

The tracks represented by proxy were the Fair Grounds, Tropical Park, New Orleans, Hawthorne, Longacres, Hialeah Park, Washington Park and Arlington Park.

The secretary of the New York State Racing Commission, John F. Shevlin, and Howard O. Hunter, representing the American Thoroughbred Breeders' Association were also present.

The new board of directors met the second day to elect officers for the coming year and Harry A. Parr 3rd was elected to succeed John C. Clark, president of the Miami Jockey Club, who has headed the national federation of tracks since its foundation in March, 1942. Carleton F. Burke was elected to succeed Mr. Parr as vice president and secretary Judge Dooley and treasurer George M. Francis were re-elected. Alex M. Robb was reappointed as executive secretary.

After a general discussion on the successful racing season just past, the meeting was adjourned.

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On the 4th hounds began by killing a grey on the Reginald Stickley farm and then went away with a red who led them through the Horseshoe, across the Front Royal pike and back to where they found, a remarkable day for so early in the season.

This auspicious start was rudely interrupted on the 6th when a dog on the Gilbert Royston farm developed rabies, as a result of which Clarke County was quarantined until October 21st and hounds restricted to the northern end of Warren county.

On the 21st this blow was followed by another much more severe, when Lovell Stickley, huntsman of the Rock Hill Hounds for the past three seasons, was reclassified from 4F to 1A. Fortunately we were prepared for such an eventuality, both packs having been kennelled together at Rock Hill since the previous April. After Stickley was inducted on October 14th, the two packs were combined and hunted together by Howard Gardner, huntsman of the Blue Ridge. From the first they hunted well together and very little drafting was necessary to get them level both as to size and pace.

We had two nice days on September 11th and 13th for the children shortly to go back to boarding school, with foxes from the Lee and Runnymede woods which obligingly ran through sections where there are ample numbers of gates.

The rest of September and first three weeks of October were spent in locating foxes, entering young hounds

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and conditioning generally. On October 20th we had a very fast day with a fox from the Federal Hill going across Montana Hall, Wolfe Marsh and back again, which was much appreciated by Lt. Sam Birch, U. S. N. R., home on leave.

On the 23rd we had a nice 5 1-2 mile point from the Fox Spring woods to the tip of Land's End and on the 30th, three good hunts in the Carter Hall district, the last of an hour and thirty-five minutes.

The last day of cubbing a fox in the Pagebrook woods ran to the Opequon, north to Isaac Run and east past the Humston house, a very fast run over a rough line of country that beat off many followers.

On Saturday, November 6th, a war time field of eleven met at Clay Hill for the opening meet. We found at once in the Mt. Airy woods, ran north through the Fox Spring woods and across the Meade bluegrass, with the fox constantly in view, not 100 yards ahead of hounds, doubled back to the woods and then east across the Clay Hill Spout Run and Shannon Hill farms to Ellerslie. Hounds had been running top pace for thirty-five minutes and the field was strung out across country for a couple of miles. There was a most welcome check as they worked this line up the road and the field got together, hounds running on to the Land's End covert. It was not a good scenting day, but by constantly driving their fox, hounds gave us a brilliant gallop.

On Wednesday the 17th, we had another very quick thing from Springsbury with a fox viewed in the open near the front gate. He took the familiar line southwest across

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Harold E. Talbott

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The total amount of money distributed for steeplechasing at the major tracks and half-mile tracks for 1943 was \$342,220 as compared with \$322,900 in 1942. The decrease in the Hunt Meetings is noted as only \$17,830 was distributed for steeplechasing and flat racing in 1943 against \$37,775 last year.

With the stable of Harold E. Talbott taking the lead for money winning stables, winning 3 races and earning \$29,635, Mrs. F. Ambrose Clark is in 2nd place, her stable winning 11 races and purses aggregating \$28,870. Rokeby Stables is in 3rd place with \$25,200 and 13 races won. M. A. Cushman's stable finished slightly ahead of Brookmeade Stables for 4th, earning \$21,835 and winning 8 races to Brookmeade's \$21,070 and 11 races won.

Among the trainers for money won, William "Billy" Jones was an easy winner, the Jones-trained 'chasers earning \$42,430. He was also tied with James "Jim" Ryan and Arthur White for the number of races won, each training 18 winners. J. T. "Jack" Skinner was ahead of William R. Miller for money won, as the total of \$30,530 was rung up for him and Miller was 3rd with \$29,635. The Skinner-trained 'chasers won 15 races to finish ahead of R. G. "Ray" Woolfe who had 11.

W. "Billy" Owen heads the list for the leading steeplechase rider of the year, winning 22 races. H. Cruz and J. S. "Johnny" Harrison tied for 2nd place with 18 and E. Roberts won 11.

Although he finished behind Brother Jones in total winnings, M.

A. Cushman's Rouge Dragon won more races. He accounted for 8. Brookmeade Stable's National Anthem was next with 5 and Ella Widener's Iron Shot, R. V. N. Gambrill's Parma and Richard K. Mellon's *Replica II won 4 each.

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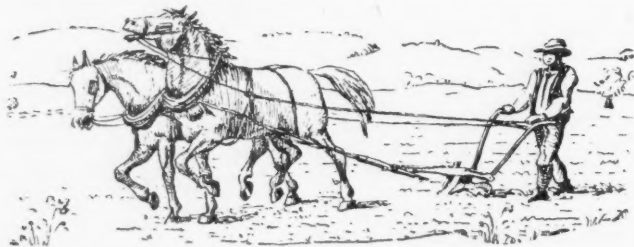
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Feed the lowest grade roughages to the non-producing cattle. Of course, young heifers need more than a maintenance ration to grow normally. Remember that just a little grain fed to the right kind of heifers will yield good dividends after the heifers freshen.

When feeding the milking cows each day balance the lower grade roughage with some good grade roughage. Shredding or chopping fodder reduces waste. Although chopped fodder isn't any more nutritious, the cattle will eat it more readily.

Feed your silage so that it will last until next pasture season. A half ration of silage every day is better than having no silage for milk production later on in the winter.

Keeping the hay and straw in a barn or under roof to protect it from weather is another feed-saver. When hay loses its natural green color, it means a loss of feed.

Use a definite daily schedule, and feed balanced rations. Be sure the protein and carbohydrates are in the right proportions.

Ration Points

GASOLINE—In 17 east coast states A-8 coupons are good through January 8. In states outside the east coast area A-9 coupons are good through January 21.

SUGAR—Stamp No. 29 in Book Four is good for 5 pounds through January 15.

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MEATS, FATS—Brown stamps I, M, N, and P good through January 1, 1944. Brown stamp Q becomes good December 19 and remains good through January 1, 1944.

PROCESSED FOODS—Green stamps A, B, and C in Book Four, good through December 20. Green stamps D, E, and F in Book Four, good through January 20.

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Acts On Livestock Feed

As part of the government program to conserve livestock feed and make the best use of available supplies in producing the maximum volume of livestock products, WFA has taken the following steps: (1) elimination of the subsidy the Commodity Credit Corporation has been paying on corn moving from surplus to eastern and southern deficit areas; (2) an increase of 20 cents a bushel in the price of feed wheat on and after December 6; and (3) an offer to buy corn during the remainder of this month at the old ceiling price in approximately 150 counties on the fringe of the corn belt where the new ceiling on corn (effective December 6) represents a reduction in prices. OPA raised the maximum price of

corn 9 cents a bushel at Chicago to correct inequities in the previous regulation. At the same time, the prices of oats, barley, and sorghum grains were "frozen" at the highest prices of the five day period, November 29 to December 3, pending issuance within 60 days of a permanent regulation on these feeds.

Seed Prices Under Control

The 1944 program for winter cover crop seed will support prices on hairy vetch, common vetch, crimson clover, and ryegrass seeds at levels from 5 to 40 percent higher than last season, through purchases by the Commodity Credit Corporation. Fourteen types of vegetable seeds, including about 200 domestic and imported varieties, have been placed under ceiling prices by OPA. Seeds included are bean, pea, corn, beet, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, Swiss chard, cucumber, lettuce, mangel, onion, rutabaga, and turnip. All alfalfa seeds, including all state certified improved varieties, have been made subject to control of the price regulation governing legume and grass seeds by OPA. This regulation now includes the following domestic and Canadian seeds: alfalfa, medium red and mammoth red clover, alsike clover, sweet clover, timothy, and all mixtures of those seeds.

Farm Help For Lumber Supply

Because of the critical over-all lumber and pulp-wood shortage which directly affects farmers, who are large users of lumber and wood products, Marvin Jones, War Food administration, indicated that farmers should help by: (1) increasing production from farm woodlands during the winter and (2) providing labor for forest industries during the slack winter season on farms. Lumber used on farms for the construction and maintenance of farm buildings requires three and one-half billion board feet of lumber annually, Jones said.

Brown Points For Waste Fats

The housewife may now receive one brown ration point for each one-half pound of salvage kitchen fats she takes to her retailer. In addition, she will continue to receive four cents a pound. Retailers will not give points for less than one-half a pound, nor for any fractional overweight.

Plan Victory Gardens Now

Although Victory gardeners exceeded their goal of 18 million gardens for 1943 by about 10 percent, they are asked for another 10 percent increase in 1944. Arrangements should be made now for the use of vacant land, and considerable preparatory work can go on through the winter. Hard coal ashes can be sifted and stored on plots. Compost piles and supplies of manure can be accumulated, and either turned under wherever ground is not frozen or stacked for use in early spring.

Increase In Apple Prices

Increase in apple prices over those for 1942 will mean that a 28-ounce jar of apple butter will cost from 3 to 4 cents more at retail, OPA reports. This reflects an increase of approximately 80 cents to \$1.65 a hundredweight in apple prices and an increase of approximately 7½ cents to 15 cents a pound in apple chops. The method by which dealers in apples for home consumption determined their maximum prices in sales prior to retail was changed. With maximum prices for terminal markets the same as those for rural markets, apples tended to become scarce in rural markets. So, a premium of ¾ of a cent a pound now is allowed on sales in rural markets.

Syrup Prices Are Higher

Retail prices for cane syrup have been increased by OPA as a result of refiguring the parity formula, which resulted in increased returns to sugarcane growers. Increases in No. 10 cans—slightly less than one gallon—are about 10 cents for country cane syrup, formerly known as Louisiana cane syrup, and 4 to 5 cents for commercial cane syrup, formerly known as Georgia cane syrup. Accumulators, mostly country store operators, have been granted an increase from 1 to 2 cents a gallon for their handling charge.

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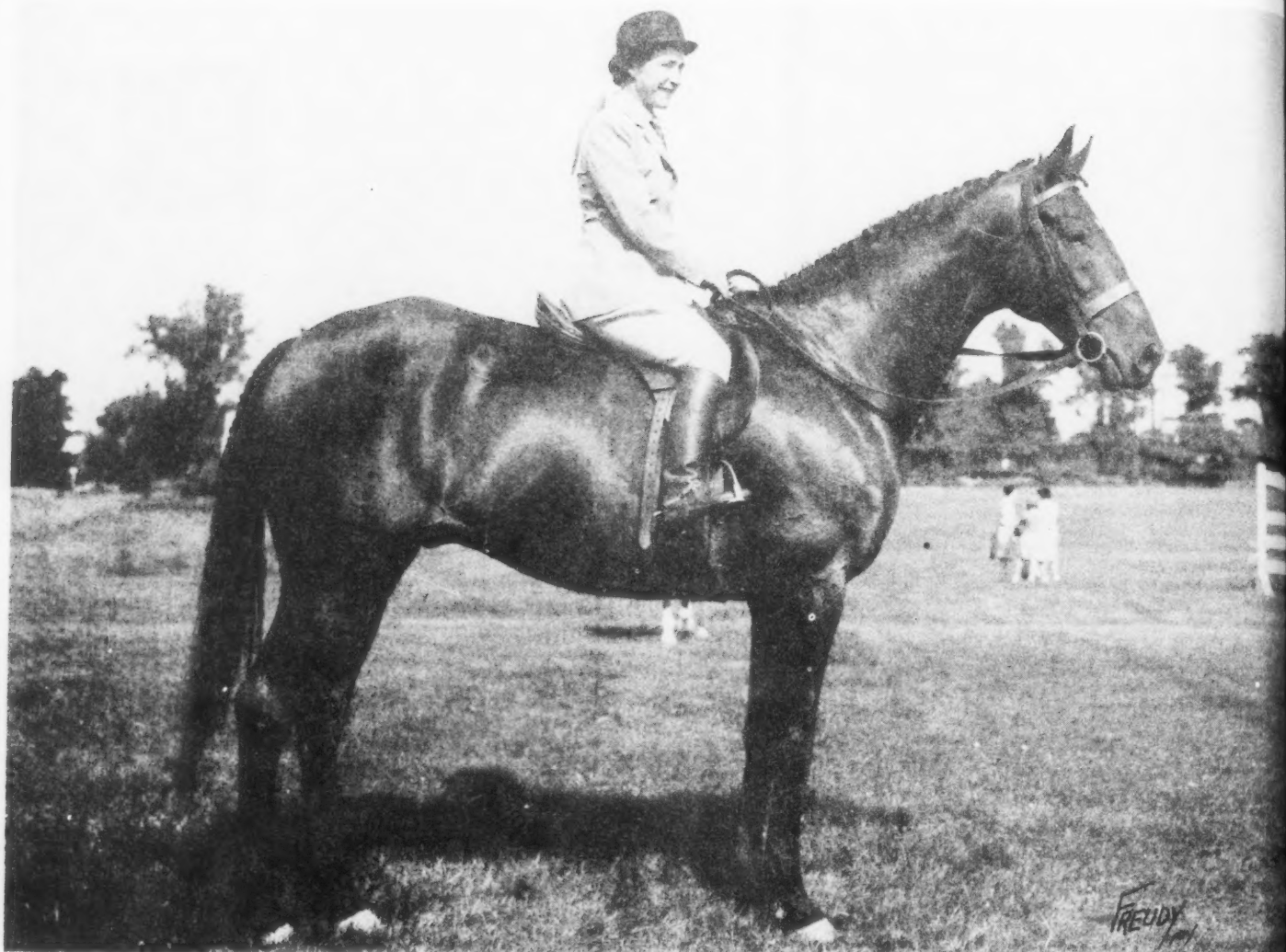
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CASTLE PARK, MICHIGAN



PRINCETA, ridden by P. T. Cheff is seen coming in over the final jump on the long, tricky course in the Cross Country Event in the recent show at Castle Park, Michigan. They also took top honors in the Heavy-weight Hunter Class. Dave Roberts judged.

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Horsemanship

By Margaret de Martelly

FROZEN GROUND HAZARDS

The time has come to speak of many things, if we may borrow a sentence from a universal friend, the walrus. In short, it's winter. In the northern half of the country, that means frozen ground and uncertain footing.

A fall, under such conditions, usually means a broken bone.

Even if there are no falls, moving over frozen terrain is just as devastating to a horse as galloping on pavement. The results can be strained muscles, joints and tendons and excessive concussion. This latter, because of its far reaching and very destructive consequences, can spell the end of a good sound horse.

In the construction and assembling of the parts of a hoof, nature has provided protection against injury under ordinary circumstances. These natural provisions are not enough for the use of a horse at the increased gaits under conditions such as frozen ground, or hard, baked, dry earth or of course, pavement.

These natural guards against injury are the elastic structures of the hoof. They are the lateral cartilages and the plantar cushion, sometimes called the fatty frog. The lateral cartilages extend upward and outward from the wings of the coffin bone to the coronary band, where they can be felt with the finger. Their function is to assist in the process of expansion and contraction of the hoof in motion.

The plantar cushion lies above the frog and under the coffin bone. Its function is twofold. It assists in pumping circulation through the hoof and it acts as a shock absorber, thus lessening concussion.

Any injury to these parts means subnormal articulation of the parts which they govern.

The sensitive structures of the hoof are the pericarp ring, coronary band, and the sensitive wall, sole and frog. Their function is to secrete the fluid which forms the horny structure.

Any injury to these parts results in malformation of the horn, or a generally unsound hoof.

Having in mind the structures of the hoof and their functions, it is not difficult to understand how an injury to all or any part, might have far reaching consequences.

The most common potential injuries which result from excessive concussion on hard footing are: side bones, ring bones, laminitis or road founder, navicular lameness and bone spavin.

Side bones are the ossification or turning to bone of the lateral cartilages. Expansion and contraction of the hoof is hindered and a condition known as contraction of quarters or heels, results. The hoof loses its natural shape and becomes narrow at the quarters or heels or both. It can, in most cases be corrected by pathological shoeing. This is only one of the possible results of side bone.

Ring bones are bony enlargements on either the short or the long pasterns. They often interfere with the articulation of the joints.

Laminitis is the inflammation of the sensitive wall of the hoof. It is very painful and may cause structural changes in the hoof, resulting in chronic lameness. Laminitis also comes from other causes such as over eating or eating or drinking while in a heated condition.

Navicular lameness is inflammation at the point where the deep flexor tendon passes over the navicular bone. This bone and the coffin bone may become ulcerated. The disease is incurable.

Bone spavin is a bony enlargement on the hock. A confirmed spavin is very destructive to the usefulness of the animal.

This dread list could grow and grow and branch out into dozens of channels of devastation. It is, however, only common sense to state that not every time a horse is galloped or jumped on hard footing is he injured beyond repair. The sensible conclusion is that each time it is done, a foolish chance has been taken.

From the rider's standpoint it is equally hazardous. Anyone who has never had a fall has never really ridden. If we ride long enough and hard enough, we are going to have a spill now and then, but we don't go out looking for falls. Galloping over hard earth, greasy with frost, where the horse can never get a footing is looking for trouble. It can easily result in permanent disability both to horse and rider.

val notes with great satisfaction, neat substantial stables, roomy paddocks, decent horses to work with and congenial companions. He soon finds out that they all have something in common,—the love of good horsemanship—be they trotting men, jockeys, cowboys, jumping riders, wealthy amateur riders or grooms.

Although the newcomer soon learns there are few if any ratings and the hours are long, he still remains reasonably satisfied. He is doing an unheralded job and doing it well. He also has the satisfaction of knowing that the army didn't train him for this job. The knowledge was already his to do the tasks that lay ahead.

If racing and kindred equine activities have done nothing else; have served no other purpose; then the releasing of trained, experienced

men for a worthwhile cause is ample justification for their continuance,—blue noses and would be reformers—

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Horsemen And The Army

By Louis A. Nelson

Recently David Alexander, formerly a staff writer for that excellent weekly, The Blood Horse, wrote an interesting article entitled, "The Race Trackers And The Army", that appeared in the above mentioned publication. Being a recent addition to the members of the armed forces, Alexander did a good job of reporting based on his observations and experiences.

This bit of prose is not intended as a supplement to Alexanders work nor a repetition, but may be regarded as a sequel, taking up where Alexander left off.

For illustrative purposes we will follow the army career of a typical, average all around horseman who has just completed his basic training and is waiting to be assigned to a permanent unit.

By this time he realizes that he has special skills that the army can use and is also getting lonesome for the sight of horses-again. Or he may be in a cavalry or field artillery outfit that has been mechanized, (Yes, these tragedies do occur).

If he's a shrewd lad he finds out the opportunities that exist for the horseman in the Remount Division or Veterinary Corp and starts the initial steps for a transfer. In the event he is able to convince those in power that he has something on the ball, and the prevailing strength of the organizations involved is in order, the request is usually granted. It may be noted that in all cases of transfers it must be for the convenience and benefit of the government; which is as it should be.

Arriving at his new post the arri-

Notes On Early Racing In England In 18th And 19th Centuries

By Geo. W. Orton

"A hound and a hawk no longer
Shall be symptoms of disaffection,
A cock-fight shall cease to be
breach of the peace
And an horse race an insurrection."
Song of the Cavalier.

A famous sporting writer of the middle of the 19th century wrote under the nom-de-plume of The Druid and always had the above stanza at the beginning of his articles.

In the early 18th century, most of the races were match races, generally at four miles and often at six miles.

In the race meetings in 1855 in the north of England, in Scotland and in Ireland, they still had heat races at one and two miles and very occasionally at four miles whereas at Newmarket and the other famous courses, they had heat races no longer.

In a discussion of the relative merits especially as to stamina of the horses of the 18th and 19th centuries in the Sporting Magazine, published in London, England of 1855, there are some very interesting statistics given to prove that the horses of 1855 were equal in stamina to those of the previous century. He names a famous horse, *Exotic* that raced from 1760 to 1768. This horse won 18 stake races, and in 1767 won a four heat, four mile race. Referring to the durability of the horses of 1855, or a little earlier, he notes that *Euphrates* won 42 races, *Liston* 46 races, *Independence* 40 races, a mare, *Catherine* 79 races. Referring to one of the best known horses of that date, he states that *Rataplan* at 5 years old had won 41 of 69 races in which he had started. He also calls attention to the fact that *Wild Huntsman* by Harkaway, won five races in two days at the Royal Caledonian Meeting.

There were many famous trainers in these early times. Of these, one of the greatest was Mr. John Scott who trained horses from 1820 to 1855. He had his own estate on which he trained his horses. One feature of this was a tan gallop two miles long covered the entire way three inches deep. He trained for Lord Chesterfield, Lord Westminster, Lord Stanley, Mr. Bowes, the Risdales, and others. He developed many fine jockeys. From 1835 to 1845, horses under his care won the Derby three times, the Oaks, five times, the St. Leger, five times and many other important stakes.

The Liverpool Handicap at Aintree is, next to the Derby the most famous race in the world to-day. Thus, it is quite interesting to note the remarks of Craven, one of the best writers of the day, (1855) in connection with this race. In those days, the Liverpool Handicap was just one of the races at the Aintree Meeting which was a five days' meeting. Craven noted the poor purses given at this meeting and the rather poor lot of horses in the races. He gives just two short paragraphs to the famous handicap and calls the course, "the worst in England."

It is interesting to note that the results of the Derby and other famous races in 1855 were rushed up to London to the sporting papers by

pigeon post.

Betting on the horses was rampant in those days and many owners bet huge sums on their horses in the important races, especially the Derby. This caused many scandals. Sometimes, an owner to protect his bets would buy a horse that seemed likely to win and then scratch him from the race. In 1832, two very well known betting commissioners, Messrs. Gilly and Ridsdale stood to win 80,000 pounds on *Little Red Rover*, the favorite for the Derby, but Mr. Chiffney's *Priam* won.

After reviewing the Sporting Magazine for the entire year of 1855, the writer was struck by the fact that in not a single race mentioned, and there were hundreds of them, was the time given.

The writer also noted that at the dinners which invariably followed any important race, that old song, "For he's a jolly good fellow, which nobody can deny" was sung and evidently, it was an old song even at this date (1855). Instead of stating that this or that horse was first to pass the wire of the finish post, they always stated that he was first past the "chair". We use the word "sugar" as a slang term to denote money and so did these old horsemen and they also talked about "padding" their bets.

One of the earliest sporting writers to make a real living from his writings was a man who wrote under the name of Nimrod. In his book on racing, published in the early part of the 19th century, he says that racing goes back to the very earliest times. He cites the fact that when Hugh Capet, King of France, was courting the sister of Athelstane of England (925-940 A. D.), he sent over to Athelstane as a present, several race horses.

We have our *Exterminators*, *King Saxons*, *Discoveries* and *Whirlaways*, in our times, but rarely do we find any of our handicap horses winning big stakes several years in succession. The most remarkable example of this that the writer has ever come across occurred in the latter part of the 18th century. The Duke of Grafton's *Hamilton* (often called *Zelica*) won the St. Leger seven times and finished first the eighth time but was disqualified because his rider jostled the second horse in the straight.

Some of our modern handicappers are famous for the close finishes that take place in races which they have handicapped. Early in the 19th century in England, Dr. Bellise was the most celebrated handicapper in the country. He handicapped a race at Newcastle-Under-Lynne which is, I believe, the greatest handicap ever run from the standpoint of handicapping. There were four horses in the race, namely, Sir John Egerton's *Astbury*, four-year-old, carrying 8 stone 6 pounds, Mr. Mytton's *Handel*, four-year-old, carrying 7 stone 11 pounds, Sir John Wynne's *Taragon*, four-year-old, carrying 8 stone and Sir Thomas Stanley's *Cedric*, three-year-old, carrying 6 stone 3 pounds. *Taragon* and *Handel* ran three dead heats with *Astbury* so close up in the first heat that it took quite some time to debate whether to call it a three-horse dead heat. In the third heat, *Taragon* and *Handel* came in

reeling and could scarcely carry their riders to the scales. *Astbury*, that had been kept back in the 2nd and 3rd heats, then came out and won the race. This was a two mile race, run in heats, as was customary at that time.

In the 18th century in England and in the early 19th century in both England and the United States, the four mile race was the big race or any meeting. Both in England and America, at this time, these races were run in heats, though this practice was discontinued in England sooner than in this country. The riders in these four mile races, naturally rated their horses and put them to their best speed only in the last mile or even the last half mile.

The writer, after reading of scores of these four mile races, often wondered what would happen, if, in such a race, the riders would race all the way. The answer to this question seemed to be given in a report of a four mile race run in England in the early part of the 19th century. There were four horses in the race. It is stated that over 100,000 pounds were wagered on it, all four owners betting heavily. They raced practically all the way, with the following results, as was to be expected. Mr. Batson's *Camerton* won the race but never started again. Sir John Cope's *Shoestrings* broke down and did not finish. Lord Foley's *Offa* went blind but later recovered his sight. The other horse, Lord Charles Somerset's *Scorpion*, fell dead at the distance post.

Another very remarkable race took place at Selma, Alabama, on the Central Course on Dec. 3rd, 1841. It took seven heats to decide the one mile race. This was a very unusual occurrence as most of the one mile races were disposed of in two or three heats, four being unusual. There were five horses in the race and four of them won at least one heat. The winner, *Bustamente*, a six-year-old, was fourth in the 1st heat, 2nd in the 2nd heat, 1st in the 3rd heat, 3rd in the 4th and 5th heats and 1st in the last two heats. It took a while of a horse to run seven one mile heats in an afternoon, so it is rather apropos to note that he was by *Whalebone* out of a dam by *Timoleon*, both great distance horses. A horse, named *Sleepy John*, a three-year-old, was the favorite and won the first two heats and was second in the third heat. In the 4th heat, he was only fourth and had to be withdrawn. It may surprise you to learn that a mare won the 5th heat and was second and third in the 6th and 7th heats, respectively. This horse was named *Miss Andrew* and was placed third in the race, proving that the mares of that time had plenty of stamina. It was such grueling races as this and the frequent breakdowns of horses in the three and four mile heat races that finally put an end to heat racing as far as running horses are concerned. The times for the various heats may be interesting. In this connection, it may be noted that, in those days, the riders were accustomed to rate their horses even in the one mile races, that the fastest horses were kept for the more important three and four mile races, that the courses of those days were not to be compared to the very fast tracks of today and finally, as far as this race is concerned, the course was very heavy, due "to incessant rain during the preceding twenty-four hours". The times in order for the seven one mile heats were as follows; 2.00, 1.56, 1.54, 1.56, 2.00, 1.53, 2.00.

Fort Reno Summaries

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Officers' jumping class—1. Stoneverne, Lt. Evans; 2. Sky Rocket, Lt. Lucas; 3. Bald Eagle, Lt. Burdett; 4. Scotts Bluff, Capt. Nagy.

Enlisted men's team class—1. Fee, Pfc. Howell; 2. Cpl. Akard; 3. Pvt. Seurer; 4. Pfc. McDougle; 5. Groucho, Pfc. Bocaglia; Harpo, Pfc. Grivellone; Lazo, Pfc. Lazo; Amo, Pvt. Brazeal; 3. Eeny, Cpl. Schroeder; Meeny, Pfc. Martarano; Miny, Pfc. Daugherty; Mo, Pfc. Guido; 4. Sun Rise, Sgt. Gillet; Sun Up, Cpl. Alsola; Sun Set, Cpl. Creery; Sun Down, Pfc. Dugan.

Pack mule class—1. Sadie, Pfc. Kettle; 2. Cpl. Jacobs, Cpl. Jones; 3. Hurricane, Sgt. Lantz, Cpl. Alsola, Cpl. Kikowski; 3. Mephisto, Sgt. Pace, Sgt. Fairchild, Cpl. Stephens; Down, Pfc. Dugan.

Bowman, Cpl. Spencer.

Open hunter class—1. Rick, Mimi Morris; 2. Cherry Bounce, Cpl. Elliott; 3. Red Sail, Cpl. Elliott; 4. Silent Sam, Pvt. Bledsoe.

Touch and out—1. Stoneverne; 2. Bald Eagle, Lt. Burdett; 3. Red Sail, Cpl. Elliott; 4. Dugan, Sgt. Hounshell.

One quarter mile race—1. Hack Boy, Baird; 2. Lucky, Adams; 3. Move Up, Clements.

Grand Trophy—Troop A, 253rd Sqdn., Q. M. C.

Blue Ridge Hunt

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Springsbury, the Bowles and Clay Hill bluegrass to the Blackford cabin below Shannon Hill—and the coffee housers never did get up with hounds.

On Saturday the 20th, we found a fox in the open on Federal Hill who ran west nearly to Kennerly's crossing and then northeast past the Shumate barn where we viewed him a second time, not fifty yards ahead of hounds. They raced on across the Kern place to Montana Hall where we had our first check. Two Thoroughbreds and an Anglo-Cleveland were the only horses up at this point and the Anglo-Cleveland (who was giving away 70 pounds in weight), was the only one ready to go on—Mayor Courtland Smith please note.

Huntsman Gardner thought this the fastest hunt he had ever known. Hounds went on at a more moderate pace across Wolfe Marsh and back to where we found.

On Thanksgiving we were very happy to welcome at Farnley a considerable detachment from the Remount Depot at Front Royal. The thermometer stood at over 60 and hounds could do little with their first two foxes. As the afternoon grew cooler, however, we had a nice gallop from the Mt. Zion woods to the Stickley river bluff and on to ground in the Horseshoe, a six-mile point.

On November 27th, we met at Carter Hall and found our good friend in the Fox Spring woods who gave us a fine gallop across the Meade and Clay Hill bluegrass and back across Shannon Hill to Mt. Airy, where he went to ground. We were glad to share this good hunt with that keen foxhunter, Major Pakenham-Mahon of the British Army, President of the County Prescommon Hounds. —A. M. S.

As a matter of comparison, the weights, which were the same in England and this country, for those days were as follows; three-year-olds to carry 86 pounds; four-year-olds to carry 100 pounds; five-year-olds to carry 110 pounds; six-year-olds to carry 118 pounds; seven-year-olds and upward to carry 124 pounds. Mares and geldings were allowed 3 pounds. You will note the lack of a weight for two-year-olds.

Montreal Closes

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ready in try to sit or stand even closer together, 500 people had to be turned away. Although there is practically no stabling in the College barns, Father Lapalme is very willing to co-operate, and besides moving as much of their own livestock as is possible, clears the instruments out of the sheds so that adequate stalls can be built. Throughout the show frocked priests can be seen wandering among the horses and showing great interest in all that goes on.

Instigator of the show, and President of the Committee, was H. J. O'Connell. Mr. O'Connell's *Gamin*, has been his lone entrant in the shows for a couple of years, but in the past season he has greatly enlarged his stable, and turned out for this show with six horses. They included his roadster *Bing Crosby*, and his big bay full-brothers *Commando* and *Harmony*, recently purchased in Toronto. *Bing Crosby* won the roadster class, and *Gamin* came first in the road hack and the Canadian-bred saddle, and 2nd in the ladies saddle. *Commando*, *Harmony* and *Gamin* came 2nd in the Unicorn Jumping, and *Kawagoe* 2nd in the Thoroughbred saddle class. Rider and trainer for the O'Connell Stable is M. W. Minogue.

The show got underway at 1 p. m. on Saturday, and of the twelve afternoon classes, six were junior events. The entries were small but of good quality, and first blue of the show went to Dilys Williams for the seat and hands class. Junior Jumping was won by Kenneth Cuggy, and Lewis Phillips took the Musical Chairs.

Opening Senior event was the ladies' hunter, and this was won by a new-comer from Toronto, *Lucky Strike*, owned by Vernon Cardy, and ridden by his former owner, Miss Patricia Horst. R. L. Lehan's stable got off to a good start, taking 1st in the pair jumping with *Sir Michael* and *Romance*, 1st in the green horse jumping with *Romance*, and 2nd in the ladies' hunter also with *Romance*. Mrs. George Jacobsen rode this good mare in the pairs and the ladies'. The Thoroughbred saddle class was won by L. M. Hart's beautiful gelding *Golden Wish*, ridden by his daughter Mrs. H. Stanforth and the Canadian-bred saddle class, as already mentioned, went to H. J. O'Connell's *Gamin*.

First class of the evening show was the lightweight hunter, and this was won by *Mike*, ridden by Andy Lacelle and owned by L. C. Harland. Middle and heavyweight hunter classes held later were won by L. M. Hart's *Golden Wish* and R. L. Lehan's *Sir Michael*.

Glen Ridge, owned by C. K. Wilson of Lachute, took 2 blues during the evening, in the single high steps, and then in the ladies driving.

Kentucky Gent, owned by Dr. Latour and ridden by Andy Lacelle, appeared in 4 classes during the show, and took 3 firsts and 1 second. He won the open saddle, the ladies saddle, and the combination class, and took 2nd in the victory driving.

Highlight of the evening was the open jumping competition for the Seagram Trophy. A difficult and interesting course was set up by Ring Director George Jacobsen, and of the nineteen contestants, only two went clean. These were *Romance*, owned by R. L. Lehan and ridden by Mrs. George Jacobsen, and *Mike*, owned by L. C. Harland, and ridden by Andy Lacelle. In the jump-off,

Romance knocked down behind, and *Mike* took a rail off in front, thus with 2 faults against 4. *Romance* won the Seagram Trophy. This cup must be won twice in succession or three times in all, to become the property of the winning rider, and this was both the second year of the competition, and the second time that *Mike* and Andy Lacelle have been runner-up. Last year's winners *Missy* and Mrs. F. H. Dillingham, did not compete.

An added attraction to the show was the Musical Ride given by the Mounted Police of Montreal. Their Ride holds the interest of the crowd throughout, and the climax of the final charge, accompanied by rolling drums and the yells of the riders, is received with plenty of applause.

The last eleven classes of the twenty-nine class show were held on Sunday afternoon. Four of these were jumping events starting off with a performance class for riders who have never won a jumping or hunter event prior to Jan. 1st of this year. After several jump-offs, Miss Rosamund Esling on her own *Rusty*, beat out R. L. Lehan riding his *Romance*.

A very good class was the obstacle jumping. George Jacobsen as Ring Director, enjoyed himself immensely thinking out fiendish jumps. The course included among other things a laid table and candle-lit table, a fully equipped clothes line, a row of blazing flares on a bench, and a huge stuffed grizzly bear with upraised arm, standing just off center on a low jump. The jumps were very narrow, and of course wingless, and many entrants failed to get around. The entire audience on one side of the Arena stood up as each horse came around the turn, so that they could get a better view of them tackling the fire jump. A junior rider, Doreen Clough, riding her own *Prince* was an easy winner. Her time was 8 seconds better than that of the runnerup, *Cafe*, ridden by Percy Knott and owned by Hotel Lapointe.

The unicorn jumping went to a team of three greys owned by Vernon G. Cardy's Mount Vernon Ranch, and ridden by the Ferguson twins and the Toronto visitor Pat Horst. Second after a jump-off were H. J. O'Connell's *Harmony*, *Commando*, and *Gamin*.

Final jumping event was the knock-down-and-out, and this was also won by *Prince* with owner Doreen Clough up. Second place went to *Lucky Strike*, the new acquisition of Vernon Cardy.

Other classes included a family class which was won by the Hart family, Mrs. L. M. Hart riding with her son and daughter, Major Hart and Mrs. Stanforth, and a Victory Driving, won by *Bartender*, owned by C. Martineau and driven by Mrs. F. H. Dillingham.

Many new horses took part in this show, and one of them, *Lucky Strike*, arrived only a few days before the show. He won five ribbons in all. Besides those already mentioned, he took 3rd in the middleweight hunters, 4th in the obstacle jumping, and 5th in the Seagram Trophy.

Len Lehan's stable of three, *Sir Michael*, *Romance*, and *Pal*, made a wonderful showing, taking between them 4 firsts and 5 seconds. This was Len's first season with a show stable, and he made an enviable record.

The show was judged by two well-known exponents of the art, David Roberts of Hartford Connecticut who judged the hunters and jumpers, and Dr. W. J. R. Fowler from Guelph, Ontario, who judged the saddle and

Thoroughbreds

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The different track diagrams are especially well done, while each is accompanied by a liberal amount of descriptive information. Not only is each course, with its chutes, etc., carefully exhibited, together with the stands, stables, etc., their dimensions and capacity are stated, likewise its accessibility from its city, its date of opening, etc., etc.

Insets give separate small maps showing the various tracks located in the Metropolitan area of New York City and those contiguous to Washington and Baltimore. Chicago is omitted; though as a matter of fact it possesses five tracks to New York's four.

Still another inset gives a resume of the origin of modern Thoroughbred racing. While one panel of the framework contains a sketch, from an old print, of the finish between American Eclipse and Henry in their historic North vs. South match run over the old-time Union Course, on Long Island, in 1823.

In future editions of this map, however, the legend affixed to this sketch should be all means be corrected.

It is described as "The First Great Race in America"—which is, to say the least, a misnomer.

There had been many great races run in America previous to that one, dating far back into the 18th century. It was merely the first in the famous North vs. South series which ended with that between *Peytona* and *Fashion* run over the same course twenty-two years later, in 1845.

We do not, however, mention these details in a hypercritical mood. They are details and, while subject to correction, do not affect the general value of the map as carrying out its main purpose, nor mar its beauty and symmetry of execution.

Every turfman who receives a copy should be thankful—as are we—to have been thus remembered, for it is something unique of its kind and that kind both interesting and valuable.

Anyone who takes the pains to familiarize himself with it will have a much better idea of what racing in America of today has developed into than by any attempt to master the vast masses of facts and figure—especially figures—which the proponents of the turf put forth so astoundingly and unremittingly.

These courses, scattered over the breadth—and a good part of the length—of the continent, indicate what a hold the sport has taken upon the American public. The universality of its appeal, the fact that it flourishes anywhere and everywhere when adequately staged and efficiently administered under the law.

In this respect it truly "stands alone." There is nothing local, sectional, territorial or merely national about it. While modern "organized"

harness events.

Ring Master and jump crew were provided by the Navy, and as they climbed into their trucks after the last class, they could be heard singing the R. C. N. V. R. song, "Roll along Wavy Navy, roll along." The Show Committee believes that the profits that will be turned over to the Naval Womens Auxillary will amount to approximately \$3,000. A noble effort for a worthy cause, and a very good show with which to close our 1943 Season.

Metamora

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son. Foxes are plentiful with at least two to four put up every hunt. There has been plenty of moisture to make good scenting. Early season runs were on the slow side but for the last month foxes have been running fast and straight. With gallops of forty minutes or more and no checks horses get a stiff workout, and second mounts and waiting grooms are not available this year.

Member cooperation is noteworthy, both in attendance and understanding. The field is ready for anything so long as there is good sport. A member is often field master for the day, so the master can whip-in. At times the huntsman is the only professional out but the pack is well trained and works quite well with amateur whips.

Size of fields has been from a top of 35 down to 10 on Monday hunts. Meets have been scheduled for Saturday and Monday so members can have two hunts during one trip to the country. Meets are held at seasonal hours, except for an occasional Saturday afternoon schedule to accommodate men who must work until noon in Detroit. It makes a shorter afternoon but gives more people a chance to follow hounds.

During the past year even more men have gone into service away from Detroit. Membership and financial support have been reduced, but operations have been reduced to fit the new situation. The hunt now cuts its own hay, hunt officers take a closer interest in management, size of pack has been cut in half—everyone takes a part to see that the hunt shall not weaken. It is easy to run a hunt with ample members and large subscriptions, but in days like these, frugal management and loyal members are most important.

During early autumn the usual hunt activities were held. There was a horse show for local entries; The Hunter-Breeder Show followed a few weeks later. *Metamora* Hunt is proud of this event for it encourages children riders. There are several classes for children. There are also several breeding classes and in-hand classes for prospective hunters. Quite a number of locally bred horses have become noted hunters or show jumpers and breeding of good stock is considered an important part of the hunt activities.

The last event held this season was the Hunter Trials. They were held in September, over a course of natural rolling hills, lying on either side of a valley so that each one of

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horse racing originated in England, the pure sport was thousands of years old when the British Isles were still barbarous wildernesses inhabited by savages. Long before the famous hippodromes of classic Greece and Rome it had been carried on in ancient Assyria and Egypt, and had been fostered by the kings and princes of farther Asia.

Ever since it has gone on its way, for the most part rejoicing, with occasional periods of sackcloth and ashes—due to the way in which it has been debased by ill usage upon the part of those who have diverted to their own merely mercenary ends.

But as for the sport itself—never did human beings create anything else so noble, so beautiful, so thrilling or so truly "global" as a great public pastime and diversion, entertainment and spectacle for all the peoples of the earth.

New England Foxhunt

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It by the time dinner was over; and when Mrs. St. Loe, had come to dinner with her husband, suggested that a rubber of bridge would be better fun than listening to hound pedigrees, he and Alice Topsfield joined them and left us to our brandy and cigars. When we were alone, Lincoln turned to me and said:—

"It's not often that I get a chance to have a chat with a man who knows English blood-lines. Many foxhunting men about here are American Hound men, who have no more idea of keeping proper breeding records than the average nigger in the South. A man actually told me the other day that he just couldn't understand why any man wanted to know the ancestry of his hounds provided they hunted foxes; and when I explained to him that there were families of hounds possessing certain marked characteristics which they handed down to their progeny, he laughed at me. American Hounds have many good points. I would be the first to admit it, but the average American's idea of foxhunting is very different to yours and mine; and though I'm inclined to think that if American Hounds were properly kenneled and handled, they would surprise a good many of us. I happen to prefer hounds whose blood-lines I have no difficulty in working out, and whose individual characteristics can be traced back through generations of careful breeding."

We talked on, oblivious of time, until Alice Topsfield looked in at the door. "You two are impossible," she said. "The St. Loe's are just leaving. Henry, and it's time we all turned in." With many apologies, Lincoln said 'good night' to his guests and we all went up to bed.

The next morning looked ideal from a hunting point of view, and when our party set out from the kennels, old Bob Westcott predicted a 'useful day'—though he grumblingly pointed at what he insisted was a 'blue haze' which hung over the Sudbury marshes. There was a very small Field out, for it was a by-day, but I noted with pleasure the levelness of the 18 1-2 couple of hounds:—most of them were bitches. There was a particularly good-looking whole-coloured doghound, who possessed rather more quality than his masculine pack-mates. When I asked about him, Lincoln told me that he was a young dog from the Tynedale, which had been sent to him as a gift from the Master. Mr. John Straker.

"From the Tynedale, did you say?" I asked. "That's up near my Uncle's country. He and Jack Straker are great friends and often spend hours after dinner talking hound. How is your dog bred?"

He told me that he was by Voyager out of Flourish—and I was glad to be able to tell him that it was one of the very best lines they had at the Tynedale at that time.

"I suppose a cautious critic might say he is a bit effeminate," said Lincoln, "but he's wonderfully bred and he certainly is a topper in his work—as you'll see today. We might find a fox hereabouts," he added, "they're apt to lie on the tussocks in these marshes on this sort of a day." Hounds were working along the half-frozen meadows three hundred yards away, and as we watched them, they began to feather excitedly quite close to the river's edge, and hardly were the words out of his mouth

when there came a halloo from the road, and going to it, hounds settled to the line, driving on at a good pace, with the Field following as best they could, over the half-frozen pastures—with an occasional stonewall the only obstacles we encountered.

"I don't think much of the line of country your foxes pick, Henry," said Mrs. Topsfield, as we galloped along. "Can't you do better than this for us?"

"Wait a bit," said the Master, "this can't last long. That fox is bound to make for Sudbury, and if he goes to right of Powers' Hill, we should have some nice galloping and jumping." He did go to the right of the hill and even the hard-riding visitors had to confess that the line—which eventually ended at a main earth half a mile short of the village, was a good one. It was a nice hunt—never very fast, but what one might call a good 'hound hunt'—lasting over an hour and a half; and it gave me a very good insight into the difficulties encountered in foxhunting in New England, with its deep slow-running rivers with marshy banks, which cannot be crossed by horses except at bridges often a mile apart. I soon found out that when one speaks of a "river" in America—and particularly in New England—one refers to a stream of this character, very unlike the jumpable brooks which are dignified by that name in many parts of England. Lincoln explained to me, as we watched hounds tearing at the mouth of the open earth, that it was quite impossible to stop the country properly, although he attempted to do so to a certain extent.

"Well," he said, "that's not a bad morning, but I think we can do a bit better for you this afternoon—if you don't mind a longish hack." He was as good as his word, but it was almost three o'clock when hounds began drawing the rough pastureland on the South side of Moore's Hill two miles beyond Sudbury village. They went into the covert with that businesslike air which every old hound man knows almost invariably indicates that there is a fox about, and within ten minutes the whipper-in's "Gone Away" sounded from the far side of the hill. Westcott cheered and a minute later we heard the pack break into full chorus. Over a low barway and through short wood-ride we galloped, and then out into the open beyond, where we could see hounds only a field ahead, just crossing the lane at the foot of the hill. Scent must have been good, for they drove on hard for about three miles, checking for an instant on a bit of cold plough, where the Tynedale dog, Fleecer, set them straight again. From there we crossed a lovely line of country, hounds running at top pace, with heads up and sterns down, giving us all we could do to stay with them. On the brow of a hill overlooking a railway line they checked again, and though they made their own cast cleverly, they failed to hit it off.

Suddenly Thompson, who was riding near Westcott, pointed with his whip.

"Yonder he goes," he said, "yonder he goes, running down the line. Do you see him, Bob?" The Sudbury Huntsman took out his horn.

"Aye," he said, "I see him," and he blew for his hounds. "Put 'em to me, George. Come on, lad, don't be so slow," and catching hold of his pack, he galloped down the road; crossed the railway, and hit off the line in an open pasture just beyond.

It was a nice bit of work. No fuss, no cracking of whips, but a perfect example of that understanding which exists between a clever Huntsman and hounds which trust him and have never been deceived. Half a mile, over the tumbledown New England walls; through a small wood and out into the open beyond, raced the pack; with their hackles up running their fox in view. Past the farmstead we galloped and then—on the edge of the marshes—they rolled him over just as old Bob and the Brandywine Huntsman came over the last wall side by side, with the Master half a length behind and the rest of us close up.

What a picture that was! The little grey-haired Huntsman holding the fox high above his head, his back against an old chestnut tree, the pack baying around him, the delighted Sudbury Master dismounting and all of us coming up on our tired horses; with the brown New England marshes which the quarry had failed to reach, stretching away beyond.

"That was a hunt!" said I, and turned to the girl beside me "reminds me of home." Alice Topsfield smiled.

"Yes," she said, "that was a hunt. I shan't forget it in a hurry."

You see, Dick, the truth is that if one were to judge the performance of a pack composed of English Stud Book hounds by the result of the "Match", it would hardly be fair; because, after all, Lincoln's pack at that time was made up of draft hounds; whereas, at the time of the hunt about which I've just told you, he had had time to breed a good many of his own; and, moreover, Westcott had become used to the ways of American foxes and the best method of outwitting them. I think that, in the average American country, they are just as good—or better—than the native hounds; though on the sandy soil of Long Island or South Carolina, where scenting conditions are notoriously bad, it is certainly an open question.

Fairfield-Westchester

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The meet was at the four corners below Tanrackin House. Your scribe counted 31 mounted. There were young representatives of the Shapkins, Fenton, Weare, McChiisty, Johnson, Mooney, Parker, Stone and Hallowell families. "Sister" Lapsley Hallowell had two out that looked as though they had all the qualities to grow into as good horse people as their mother.

Taking the trouble to do this for the children pays sure dividends, and impresses on the youngsters the importance of good manners for horse and man, giving hounds room to work, etc.

A fox was found about 1 o'clock. The Master never forgot the children and at a check where hounds did a nice piece of work, she made a point of gathering the children around to explain to them just what was going on.

If some got cold, they were well repaid by the warm hospitality of the Tom Wallers whose hunt breakfast tables could be stretched like an accordion. It was all a huge success. The children will never forget it and the Fairfield and Westchester never had a more appreciative field.

—J. P. B.

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Racing

OCTOBER
25-April 1, 1944-Hippodrome de las Americas, Mexico City, Mexico

NOVEMBER
25-Dec. 18-Charles Town Jockey Club, Charles Town, West Virginia
25-Feb. 22, 1944-Fair Grounds Breeders and Racing Ass'n., Inc., New Orleans, La. 60 days

STAKES AND FEATURES
WEST END 'CAP, 6 f., all ages, Fri., Dec. 17 \$2,500 Added

LOUISIANA 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., all ages, Sat., Dec. 18 \$15,000 Added

IBERVILLE 'CAP, 1 mi. & 70 yds. 3-yr.-olds, Tues., Dec. 21 \$3,500 Added

CHRISTMAS DAY 'CAP, 6 f., all ages, Sat., Dec. 25 \$5,000 Added

PONTCHATOULA 'CAP, 1 mi. & 70 yds. 3-yr.-olds, Tues., Dec. 28 \$3,500 Added

JARMIN 'CAP, 1 mi. & 70 yds. 3 & up, Fri. & mares, Fri., Dec. 31 \$3,500 Added

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SUGAR BOWL 'CAP, 1 1/8 mi., 4 & up, Sat., Jan. 1 \$5,000 Added

THE AUDUBON (Aic's), 6 f., 3-yr.-olds, Tues., Jan. 18 \$3,000 Added

OLD HICKORY 'CAP, 6 f., 4 & up, Sat., Jan. 8 \$3,000 Added

SPANISH FORT CLAIMING STAKES, 1 1/8 mi. 3-yr.-olds, Tues., Jan. 11 \$2,500 Added

CRESCENT CITY 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 4 & up, Sat., Jan. 15 \$3,500 Added

THE GARDENIA (Aic's), 6 f., 3-yr.-olds, Fri., Jan. 15 \$3,000 Added

ROBERT E. LEE 'CAP, 1 1/8 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Wed., Jan. 19 \$5,000 Added

MCDONOUGH 'CAP, 5 1/2 f., 4 & up, Sat., Jan. 22 \$3,000 Added

BELLE GROVE 'CAP, 6 f., 3-yr.-olds, Tues., Jan. 25 \$3,000 Added

LAKE CHARLES 'CAP, 1 1/8 mi., 4 & up, Wed., Jan. 26 \$5,000 Added

EVANGELINE 'CAP, 6 f., 3 & up, Fri. & mares, Thurs., Jan. 27 \$3,000 Added

SHREVEPORT 'CAP, 6 f., 4 & up, Sat., Jan. 29 \$3,000 Added

THE GULF COAST (Aic's), 1 mi. & 70 yds. 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Jan. 29 \$5,000 Added

THE CABILDO (Aic's), 1/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Fri. & mares, Tues., Feb. 1 \$2,500 Added

THE AZALIA (Aic's), 1 1/8 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Fri., Feb. 2 \$3,500 Added

LAKE PROVIDENCE 'CAP, 6 f., 3-yr.-olds, Fri., Feb. 4 \$3,000 Added

NATCHITOCHES 'CAP, 1 1/8 mi., 4 & up, Sat., Feb. 5 \$3,000 Added

CHALMETTE 'CAP, 1 mi. & 70 yds. 3-yr.-olds, Tues., Feb. 8 \$3,500 Added

THE PONTABLO (Aic's), 1/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Fri., Feb. 8 \$2,500 Added

FAIR GROUNDS CLAIMING STAKES, 1 1/8 mi., 4 & up, Wed., Feb. 10 \$2,500 Added

THE GENTILLY 'CAP, 6 f., 4 & up, Fri., Feb. 11 \$3,000 Added

LOUISIANA DERBY (Aic's), 1 1/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Feb. 12 \$15,000 Added

LECOMPT 'CAP, 1 mi. & 70 yds. 3 & up, Tues., Feb. 15 \$3,500 Added

PRIOR 'CAP, 1 mi. & 70 yds. 3 & up, Fri. & mares, Wed. & Thurs., Feb. 16 & 17 \$3,000 Added

FAIR GROUNDS DINNER STAKES, 1/4 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Thurs., Feb. 17 \$2,500 Added

NEW ORLEANS 'CAP, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 19 \$25,000 Added

THE ST. CHARLES (Aic's), 1/4 mi., 2-yr.-olds, Mon., Feb. 21 \$3,500 Added

MARDI GRAS 'CAP, 5 1/2 f., 3 & up, Tues., Feb. 22 \$3,000 Added

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY 'CAP, 1 1/8 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Tues., Feb. 22 \$3,500 Added

DECEMBER
15-Jan. 6-Gables Racing Ass'n., Tropical Park, Coral Gables, Fla.
Caliente, Tijuana, Mexico.

STAKES
CHRISTMAS 'CAP, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Dec. 25 \$3,000 Added

NEW YEAR'S 'CAP, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, Sun., Jan. 2 \$3,000 Added

CALIF. BREEDERS STAKES, 1 mi., 3-yr.-olds, Sun., Jan. 9 \$3,000 Added

BALBOA CLAIMING STAKES, 1 mi. & 70 yds. 3 & up, Sun., Jan. 16 \$1,500 Added

SOMBREIRO 'CAP, 1 mi., 3 & up, Sun., Jan. 23 \$1,500 Added

THE SENORITA, 7 f., 3 & up, Fri. & mares, Sun., Jan. 30 \$1,500 Added

CORONADO 'CAP, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 6 \$1,500 Added

SPEED 'CAP, 6 f., 3 & up, Sat., Feb. 20 \$3,000 Added

MOCTEZUMA 'CAP, 6 f., 3-yr.-olds, Sat., Feb. 27 \$1,500 Added

AZTEC 'CAP, 1 1/8 mi., 3 & up, Sat., March 5 \$3,000 Added

CALIENTE DERBY, 1 1/8 mi., Sat., March 12 \$3,000 Added

MUCHACHO PURSE, 4 f., 2-yr.-olds, Sat., March 19 \$1,500 Added

CALIENTE 'CAP, 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Sat., March 26 \$10,000 Added

JANUARY
7-March 14-The Miami Jockey Club, Inc., Hialeah, Fla.
18-March 1-Mialeah Park, Fla.
MARCH
8-April 15-Gables Racing Ass'n., Tropical Park, Coral Gables, Fla.

Horsemen And Army

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ers notwithstanding.

So thus we find our typical, average all around horseman in pursuance of his daily chores. He grumbles a bit at times. There are some things about G. I. horsemanship that he will never agree on and often wishes he was overseas. But in the end he realizes he is doing the job he is best fitted for and in the event horses are used on a large scale he knows he is going to be a handy man to have around. So does the army.

Ration Points

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Gift Packages Point Free

Gift packages of jams, jellies, fruit butter, preserves, and non-citrus marmalade that were packed before October 23 for sale as Christmas gifts may be bought point-free through January 8, OPA said recently. Because the packages were made up before these foods were rationed, and because they are often assembled in packages with such highly perishable products as cakes and cookies, it is necessary to sell them speedily to prevent waste.

Lift Restrictions On Binder Twine

Farmers may now use binder twine where needed in growing, harvesting, or shipping agricultural products. Previously, use of binder twine was restricted to mechanical self-tying binders.

Packed Food Products

Exempted from price control are sales by home canners who sell less than 1,500 quarts a year of packed fruits and vegetables, OPA reported recently. OPA also announced that consumers will pay more for canned sweet potatoes, brined cherries, maraschino cherries, canned mushrooms, and processed dried prunes and prune products.

Suspender Buttons Back

Suspender buttons are to be restored to men's work pants, according to an amendment of WPB's order L-181.

Catsup Released To Civilians

Nearly a million cases of tomato catsup soon will be released to civilians. The catsup is being released from specific reserves held and owned by canners but set aside by them for government use.

OCD Directors Meet

State directors of Civilian Defense of 30 states are meeting in St. Louis this week to formulate a policy shifting the emphasis on civilian defense activities from defensive to offensive operations for the duration of the war. These directors will determine specific programs to be adopted.

Most Cottage Cheese Rationed

Practically all creamed cottage cheese is under rationing because brown stamps now are required for this type of cheese containing 4 percent or more butterfat, OPA pointed out. Previously, only creamed cottage cheese with a butterfat content of more than 5 percent had been rationed under the meats-fats cheese program.

Please Stay Home, Urges ODT

Civilians are urgently requested by the Office of Defense Transportation to give up all pleasure trips on trains or intercity buses from December 17 through January 10. Joseph B. Eastman, ODT director, requested civilians to defer even necessary travel, wherever possible, until after January 10. Because of supply limitations, few extra trains can be operated over the holidays. Unless civilians stay home, accommodations for furlough and essential war business

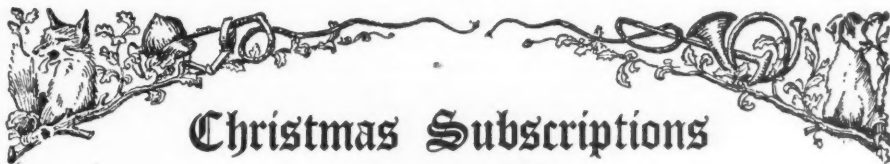
travel cannot be assured. Despite shortages of workers, the public transportation industries are successfully carrying more passengers and more freight than ever before. However, the transportation manpower problem is now becoming serious, especially in maintenance and repairs.

Start-Making Ration Tokens

Manufacture was started last week on 2 billion ration tokens to be used in making "ration change" when the ration token plan goes into effect Sunday, February 27, according to OPA. The order calls for 1,100,000,000 red tokens for meats and fats and 900,000,000 blue tokens for processed foods. Food retailers will get their supply from the nation's banks. Strips of stamps, each having a value of 10 points regardless of the numeral now on the stamps, will be validated on a horizontal or across-the-book basis rather than on a vertical or up-and-down basis, as at present. A regular schedule of validity dates will be established, which will provide five processed food stamps worth 50 points for each consumer at the start of each month. Three meat-fats stamps worth a total of 30 points will become valid every two weeks.

Fewer Sheets In Tablets

The number of sheets in tablets, pads, and related products made from newsprint paper may be reduced, according to OPA, because of the two \$4-a-ton increases in newsprint paper during 1943. On the average, seven sheets may be removed from a 5-cent pad and fourteen sheets from a 10-cent pad.



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In The Country:-



Election

The Irondequoit Spur Club at Irondequoit, N. Y. (Just out of Rochester) has elected officers for 1944 as follows: President: Edwin H. Kesel. Vice-President: Henry Krous. Secretaries: Mrs. Harold Rauber, Norman Hatfield, Edward Dickinson. Treasurer: Mrs. Charles F. Otis. Trustees: John D. Murphy, Joseph Gumbliher, Donald Hallauer. Mrs. Edwin Spittal, who serve in addition to the officers. The club held a horse show in September and two gymkhanas, one in August and one in October.

New Purchase

"The Chronicle's" correspondent, Edward Dickinson, has purchased a registered Half-bred, Skipper, from Edgar M. Reed. The purchase is very much of a heavyweight type of hunter and has been hunted with the East Aurora Hounds, the Genesee Valley Hunt, and the Country Club of Rochester Hunt and was at one time the assignment of Major (then Captain) C. G. Kress of the 209th Coast Artillery (then 121 Cavalry, N. Y. N. G.)

H. L. R. Emmet Buys 2

Two outstanding 2-year-old hunter prospects were recently purchased in the Genesee Valley by Mr. H. L. R. Emmet of Erie, Pennsylvania. One of the colts bred by Mr. Franklin D. L. Stowe of Buffalo and Genesee is by Which Mate out of a "near Thoroughbred" Valley bred mare carrying some of the most successful blood lines used in the Valley. The other colt is by Flarion out of a Half-bred mare and was bred by Irving F. Yates of Avon, N. Y.

Maryland Jockey Club

Harry A. Parr 3rd, newly elected president of the Thoroughbred Racing Associations of the United States, was re-elected president and treasurer of the Maryland Jockey Club at their regular meeting held on December 13. W. W. Lanahan was re-elected vice-president and Matt Dalgner, secretary. The following directors were also re-elected: David F. Woods, John C. Clark, William L. Brann, Vaughn Flannery, Janon Fisher, Jr., Sterett Gittings, Walter Wickes and John E. Semmes. A dividend of approximately one per cent was declared.

North Wales

Down in Florida under the watchful eye of Trainer Bill Finnegan are 15 of the youngsters from North Wales Stud in Warrenton, Virginia. The 6 "older" horses are Coronel, ch. c., 3, by *Sickle—Contessa, by Reigh Count; *Hyperionion, ch. c., 3, by Hyperion—Penicull II, by Buchanan, (highest priced yearling of the 1941 sales, selling for \$18,500 from the Claiborne Stud and Ellerslie Stud consignment to Walter Chrysler, Jr.); Feather-Bob, ch. c., 2, by

Sun Beau—Polly Egret, by Polymelian; Lord Cutts, dk. b. c., 2, by *Blenheim II—Lampshade, by Whichone; Speed Streak, b. f., 2, by Flying Heels—Lady Sybil, by *Pharamond II and Jamoke, b. f., 2, by Jacopo—Maradadi, by Stimulus.

Included in the shipment were 9 coming 2-year-olds. The colts are Cinclant, b., by *Bahram—Sunlygret, (one of *Bahram's first foals in America); Maransart, b. by *Quatre Bras II—Lady Sybil; Bayern, b. by *Blenheim II—Reckless; Conservateur, b., by Zacawelsta—Conservancy and an unnamed bay colt by *Chrysler II—Maradadi. The 4 fillies are Jamesina, by Jamestown—Sophia Tucker; Ghazni, by *Mahmoud—Sun Miss; an unnamed bay filly by Pilate—Lucilla and an unnamed filly by Sun Teddy—The Beasel.

Back In Warrenton

Polly Calvert and the little young Calvert are back in Warrenton and Polly is back in the saddle to keep the stable of Staff Sergeant Alex Calvert going. Alex is stationed at the Remount Depot at Front Royal and gets home on the week-end to see how things are going. Hunters and hacks are for sale at the stable and horses may be boarded there and will be schooled and hunted. Driving horses are a specialty for the Calvert stable as has been well demonstrated by Alex at the Warrenton Horse Show when he drove all over the grounds and had the horse and cart doing things most unusual for the combination.

Youngs In Virginia

1st Lt. Robert Young arrived in New York Tuesday from Fort Riley, Kansas, prior to coming to Virginia to spend his 15-day leave. Mrs. Young and family arrived last week, the youngsters having a touch of flu from which they are recovering nicely.

Coming Home

The young entry of the Middleburg Hunt have begun to get back home for the Christmas holidays. Mary Davy arrived Wednesday from Miss Madeira's and C. Oliver Iselin III will arrive Sunday.

Horse of The Year

The votes are in and the die is cast for the outstanding performers on the tracks during the 1943 season. With 24 experts casting their votes, Count Fleet received a unanimous vote in the division for which he was eligible, and thereby was the first horse to receive this distinction. This included the best 3-year-old, best 3-year-old colt and horse of the year. The champions of each division are as follows:

Best 2-year-old Platter
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Best 2-year-old filly...Durazna
Best 3-year-old....Count Fleet
Best 3-year-old colt—

Count Fleet
Best 3-year-old filly...Stefanita
Best handicap horses—

Market Wise and Devil Diver
Best handicap mare...Mar-Kell
Best steeplechaser—

Brother Jones
BEST HORSE OF THE YEAR—
Count Fleet

In The Movies

The Middleburg Hunt is getting its picture taken for a short subject to be released through Warner Bros. Studio. For over a week, things

have been humming and hounds were among the first selected with the field due to go out last Friday. However, the weather didn't respect the prospect of a movie career and the hunt was called off. Saturday the wind was blowing a gale and efforts are being made this week to have a good field on hand for the "shooting".

Back To Long Island

Mrs. Norman K. Toerge and Anne Martin had their Virginia sojourn cut short by the illness of the Toerge's cook and they have to return to Long Island with the dreary prospect of finding another cook. They have had some good days with Orange County, Piedmont and Middleburg but the last few days haven't been much in the way of good weather.

Better After Fall

Miss Nannie Fred of Sunnybank, is on the about well list after coming a cropper during the cubbing season with Middleburg. Miss Nannie's horse stepped into a deep hole, turned a somersault, throwing her over his head. She suffered a jammed spine but is getting along nicely now.

Metamora Hunt

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the eleven jumps may be seen by the judge and by the spectators. Each fence or obstacle is different but representative of the local hunting country. Events are arranged to stress the merits of an experienced and usable hunter, both in pace and way of moving.

For the 1943 events entries were just about half those of a normal year. Hunt management considered this worthwhile and encouraging. Spectator interest was also in about the same proportion. It is the plan to continue all these activities in 1944. All members feel that Metamora Hunt is something that will be

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It is with great regret that we inform you that fox hunting has to be discontinued due to the rabies quarantine in Montgomery County. It is our hope that the situation will soon be cured so that we can then notify you that we can again take out the hounds and chase the fox.

In the meantime a series of informal meets will be held on Saturdays at 1:45 p. m. when a paper drag will be laid in an effort to simulate actual hunting. This was tried last Saturday and those out had a lot of fun. This Saturday, December 11, we will meet at The Glen. For information about subsequent meets call the Secretary.

The Committee has decided to endeavor to improve the panelling in our country, and to start the program now. Volunteer workers will be welcome.

The Committee will appreciate any suggestions you might care to make which would help us in this unfortunate situation.

William C. Hanson,
Chairman, Hunt Comm.
F. Moran McConihe,
Secretary.

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